Macabre search in the snow

Trading boom hints at cuts in income tax

By David Smith, Economics Corresponden

income tax by 3 pence in the last month. For the fire

The undershoot is emerging because the consumer boom is generating a sharp increase in tax revenues. VAT and other tax revenues. VAT and other tax revenues. Customs and Excise receipts year. jumped £800 million to a record £4.4 billion last month.

Government spending is increasing only slowly, but tax revenues are buoyant, in line with strong earnings growth, healthy corporate profits and the high street sales boom.

Borger's James Great

Official data on industrial output, released yesterday, shows that industry is belatedly catching up with the strength of spending in the economy. Manufacturing output tree by 0.3 per option put rose by 0.3 per cent in October to its highest level since February 1980. In the August-October period it rose by 1.3 per cent on the previous three months.

Figures published yesterday showed that the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) - the amount the Government borrows to meet the difference between state spending and taxation - at



Printers to lose 'hundreds' of jobs

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

The Daily Telegraph company announced last night that it was seeking bundreds of additional redundancies when it moves editorial and business operations to the Isle of Dogs. east London, next year and introduces direct input of editorial copy by journalists.

Redundancy terms offered to staff would be withdrawn unless the company received full co-operation and continuity of production, said Mr Andrew Knight chief executive of the group, which publishes The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph.

Mr Knight refused to say how many staff would be made redundant, but acknowledged that the number was substantial.

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Compositors, who are members of the National Graphical Association, are expected to be hard hit. Few of The Telegraph's 400 NGA compositors are expected to be retained after the newspaper moves to the new editorial and business headquarters.

Mr Knight said redundancy payments would be equal to four weeks of pay for every vear of service.

If the unions did not cooperate or if their members disrupted production, the newspaper would be unable to offer payments above the Continued on page 2, col 5



 The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr T. Phillips of Streatham, London. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 29; how to pley, information service, page 22.

Tory selected

Mr Paul Leighton, aged 35. a newsreader on BBC 2. has been adopted as Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Derby South

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could give the Chancellor expected a figure of between room to cut the basic rate of £750 million and £1 billion for

For the first eight months of

But borrowing in the remaining months of the financial year will be reduced by the £2 billion proceeds of the first payment on British Gas shares, plus other priva-tization receipts, including

British Airways.

As a result, borrowing looks likely to run below last year's

Sandi Arabia is to cut its output as part of the efforts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to boost the price of oil Page 23

£5.8 billion, with some City economists suggesting a figure as low as £4 billion. The official target for the PSBR this year is £7 billion. "The Chancellor is a very

lucky man indeed on the fiscal front," said Mr David Owen of Kleinwort Grieveson, the investment bouse.

Spending is under control and revenues are very, very buoyant," he said.

Kleinwort Grieveson predicts a PSBR of £4 billion to £5 billion and tax cuts of £3 billion to £4 billion - enough additional spending to reduce the basic rate of ployment measures.

The Government is heading £56 million last month, after for a big undershoot on its only £29 million in October.

borrowing this year, which The financial markets had the pound. The retail sales boom is

hringing in record VAT payments. So far this year, Customs and Excise receipts, including VAT, are running £2.8 billion or 11 per cent bicker than a control of the per cent bicker than bigher than a year ago. The Treasury had expected only an

The healthy fiscal picture emerging for this year will considerably free the Chan-cellor's hands in the Budget.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has set himself a target of reducing the basic rate of income tax from the present 29 pence to 25 pence in the pound, although be recently told a Commons Committee this coal material. Committee this goal was un-likely to be achieved in the

Hindley is flown

back to

the moor

By Ian Smith

the scene of her crimes for

seven bours yesterday to guide police to the locations of more

victims' graves before being

returned to her prison cell.

After spending a day on bleak Saddleworth Moor with Hindley, Det Chief Supt Peter

Topping, who is leading the search, declared himself not

unhappy" about valuable information supplied about

A massive security opera-tion involving armed police-

men was mounted and the area sealed off around Saddleworth Moor for 10 hours as Hindley walked the moors which she and former

lover Ian Brady turned into an

portion killing ground.
Police were bopeful she

would lead them to where

Keith Bennett, aged 12, and

Pauline Reade, aged 16, have

remained undiscovered for

the past 22 years. A renewed

search for their bodies started

on November 20 and almost

immediately Home Office

permission was sought to have

Hindley left Cookham Wood Prison in Rochester,

Kent, at 5.52am, sandwiched

between two police officers and a black scarf covering most of her face. She was

driven to West Malling airport

and transferred to a Sikorsky

helicopter for the flight to

More than 200 officers,

including members of the

police tactical aid group armed with rifles, sealed off

the A635 road through the moor. At 8.47am the heli-

copter landed on the road and from ber window seat Hindley

could see the spot on Hollin

Brow Knoll where the body of

Lesley Ann Downey, aged 10, was found and just 350 yards on the other side of the road the grave in which John Kilbride, aged 12, was buried.

Dressed in weatherproof

overalls Hindley was bustled

into a police car and driven to police mobile headquarters set

up two miles further down the

road to meet Det Chief Supt

in the police patrol transporter studying maps and pictures of

the area Hindley was driven

back to where the new search

has been centred. While Hindley walked the

moor, head bowed against

driving rain and heavy winds.

she was watched by police

marksmen spread out at special vantage points around the

Only after Home Office

officials were convinced sec-

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After spending over an bour

Topping.

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Manchester.

Hindley taken to the moor.

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Photographs

the search operation.

Myra Hindley returned to

next Budget.

The borrowing undershoot gives the Chancellor the opportunity to move some of this year's privatization proceeds into the 1987-88 financial war adding to the

cial year, adding to the credibility of the Government's economic policy during the election period. In particular, £750 million of loans to British Gas, due to be repaid to the Government

near the end of this financial year, can instead be taken in the next financial year.

Mr. David Wileman, of Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker, expects Mr Lawson to use this device to allow a cut in the basic rate of tax by 3 pence in the pound, as well as additional spending on em-

Britain pulls off an **EEC** quotas coup

With only two weeks to run beef lay in compensation and and pulled off a coup by achieving what a delighted Sir Secretary, called "the most important measure of reform ever achieved in the Common

Agricultural Policy".
Sir Geoffrey praised Mr Michael Jopling, the Agri-culture Minister, who after output A further 2½ per cent seven days of almost continu-cut will follow in 1988. ous talks secured agreement on cuts in both dairy and beef output, including a total 91/2 per cent cut in dairy output

over two years. This will take a million tonnes of milk out of production in the EEC and lead to the slaughter of 2 million cattle as a start is finally made in slashing the food mountains. EEC officials said the CAP

reform package was hedged about with conditions and qualifications, and there were many pitfalls ahead. But they acknowledged that

the cuts, which have until now repeatedly eluded farm ministers, were a major achievement. They include a 6 per cent cut in dairy quotas over two years. Mr John Selwyn Gummer,

the junior Agriculture Minister, speaking for Britain, said the measures were a major breakthrough which at last gave the EEC a basis for reducing the food mountains. Mr Jopling described the meeting as an historic and epic one which had taken radical steps of the kind which had been needed for a long time. EEC foreign ministers, who like the farm ministers have been holding their final session under the British presidency, urged the US to extend by one month its end-of-year deadline for retaliation against Europe in the looming farm trade war over an alleged drop in American food exports to the enlarged EEC.

The key to yesterday's

been operating the rate sup-

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Sec-

ment, was given a roasting by

a gleeful opposition yesterday

as he disclosed to the Com-

Government has been

calculating how much each

local authority receives under

the formula is unlawful.

the past six years.

O EEC TODAY-TOMOTION

From Richard Owen, Brussels

of the British presidency of the EEC, Britain yesterday conformers whose output will fall who may even go out of business. The dairy package retains the existing 2 per cent Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign cut in quotas agreed in April and adds a 4 per cent quota suspension to take effect from April next year, with an additional I per cent coming from a tightening-up of the

> cut will follow in 1988. Intervention - that is, guaranteed purchase by the EEC of skimmed milk is suspended

EEC mountains

for winter months, provided the commission takes "ade quate measures to maintain market stability". But in a major qualification the ministers failed to adopt a commission proposal for sus-

pension intervention for butter. The package will be reviewed if America, Australia and New Zealand fail to modify their own farm poli-cies and put EEC exports at

The farm ministers made no mention of disposal of existing food stocks, which is to be the subject of further talks. Instead, they con-Continued on page 22, col 1



Navy could lose £500m on frigate computer

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

of the Nimrod project, the Ministry of Defence faces the possibility of losing another £500 million over a computer the contract again, the project for the Royal Navy.

GEC, the company involved in the Nimrod dispute, is one of 19 firms which is to bid for a multi-million pound contract for the command and control computer system for the Royal Navy's new Type 23 frigates, awarded to Ferranti Computer Systems more than

a year ago.

The ministry has set aside the deal with Ferranti, of Bracknell, Berkshire, which employs 2,000 people, and has asked them and other companies to reopen the bidding. The reason given is that data

seven years ago.

A ministry spokesman said istry decision was an un-yesterday that "a new window expected blow for Ferranti, Thatcher rejects

finally turned down last make his final plea on the future requirements". The minute appeals from Mr company's behalf. While he ministry spokesman said no James Prior, the chairman of GEC and Mr Neil Kinnock, terests had to come first, Mr the future of the Ferranti Leader of the Opposition, for an independent inquiry into the relative merits of the GEC Nimrod and Boeing Awacs

airborne early warning The Cabinet's defence and overseas policy committee will today make its decision between the two systems, and its verdict will be endorsed by the full Cabinet tomorrow. There was no doubt in ministerial minds last night that the decision will be in favour of the American-built Boeing system, which was overwhelmingly backed a fortnight ago by the Defence Ministry's

equipment policy committee. Mr George Younger, Sec-retary of State for Defence, Government's choice to MPs tomorrow afternoon.

payers money already spent on the Nimrod system, Ministers are anticipating a furi-ous Opposition onslaught: Tory MPs have been put on a three-line whip in anticipation of the Labour Party being granted an emergency debate. In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher said again and again that defence interests had to be paramount in the

Government's decision.
The highly charged ex-

As a Cabinet committee of opportunity" had opened up, and it was essential that nearly £1 billion in taxpayers' the Type 23 frigates should be money with the cancellation equipped with the latest company sources said they were not "too alarmed" and hoped to beat their new rivals to win the contract for a technology.

Ministry sources said that even if Ferranti did not win second time. They said that one of the reasons for the change of heart

hunched figure, fourth from the left, flanked by detectives is believed to be Myra Hindley (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

was that there bad been delays

in ordering and building the Type 23 frigates.

Ferranti said that its CACSI compuler, fitted to HMS Boxer, HMS Brave and HMS

Beaver, the Type 22 frigates, was working well. CACS2 and CACS3 had been overtaken by

advances in technology, and CACSS was being developed for the third batch of Type 22

frigates.
The 19 companies involved

in the new tendering, which include the Marconi Com-

pany, part of GEC, Plessey and Thorn EML were sum-

moned to the Ministry of

Defence for a Royal Navy

presentation on November

Ferranti fears that one of its

biggest rivals will be the

British consortium, Racal

Gresham, which succeeded in

winning the contract for the

command systems for the Upholder class of diesel-

In announcing its contract with the Royal Navy last year,

Ferranti said that its computer

system was "extremely power-

ful and adaptable" and would

powered submarine.

company's research and development work would be a "useful baseline", and the experience gained would be "tnvaluable".

The ministry would not provide any figures but industry sources estimated that the research and development work for Ferranti's CACS4 (command and control sys-tem) computer for the Type 23

processing technology has iro-proved dramatically since the five CACS4 computer syswas first awarded almost ber last year, was worth £17 million. Although the min-

GEC inquiry call

will make a statement on the With £960 million of tax-

The Prime Minister has hushed when Mr Prior rose to be able to "accommodate Prior complained that there CACS equipment. had been "unfortunate" leaks from the Defence Ministry which had given the im pression that GEC's system did not work and could not be made to work within three years of the stipulated date.

> Parliament Spectrum

This, be said, was "very damaging" for the company.

Mrs Thatcher refused bis request that GEC should be allowed to see the technical ment made by Defence Ministry experts who are call-ing for the Boeing system to be purchased. With the Defence

Select Committee set to inquire into the Nimrod/Awacs controversy, it is also expected to call for sight of that assessment and the Government may face an awkward decision later about whether to release the document,

Mrs Thatcher did, however, satisfy some of those who have been prepared to back the Nimrod case by going out of her way to express the Government's confidence in GEC as a company, pointing out that it had won £800 mil-lion worth of Defence Minchanges in the Commons were istry contracts in the past year.

Libya out 'to

intelligence information that Libya is actively intervening in the Caribbean and Surinam, Mr Elliott Abrams, the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, said at a briefing for foreign correspondents on Monday (Michael Binyon writes from

The Times reported yesterday that at least 100 Libyan troops were in Surinam. Mr Abrams said the Libyan aim in Surinam was "to make trouble", and called this a

Two US officials resign From Michael Binyon

Washington

Senator Daniel Inouye, a Democrat from Hawaii, was yesterday named to head the special committee that will investigate the Iran affair, as Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, gave secret testimony in the Senate and two National Security Council (NSC) officials resign-

Mr Howard Teicher, the senior adviser for political and military affairs, resigned for personal reasons, the White House said. He was in the same section as Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed NSC military ad-viser, but the White House said he was not Colonel North's immediate superior.

Mr Rodney McDaniel, the
Executive Secretary of the
NSC, also resigned.

Mr Teicher was due to testify yesterday. He was congressional investigators last week, but refused to answer questions because he wanted more time to prepare. Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, hinted that Mr Teicher's resignation was linked to the appointment of Mr Frank Carlucci as the new National Security Adviser. Mr Carlucci, said to be shocked by the mediocrity at the NSC, has made il clear he will "clean house", and has announced several new appointments.

President Reagan yesterday called on Senate investigators Continued on page 22, col 2

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agreement on both milk and Continued on page 22, col 3 Ministers' £65 billion rates blunder By Philip Webster Chief Political introduced into the Commons embarrassment on the counts and other special funds today or tomorrow and rushed Government benches, came to Correspondent

through to legalize retrospec-The Government is to bring in emergency legislation to correct a £65 billion blunder

a legal footing. which has meant that it has The Government's port grant system illegally for comfort was compounded last night when it was disclosed by government officials that the retary of State for the Environthe present system was ineptitude and inefficiency, brought in the Government. The mistake centres on the ignored the advice of legal mons that the way the

> offered on behalf of the local authority associations. The bungle, which was caus-

advisers and accepted opinion

light within the department in tively the settlements of the October. The advice of Sir past six years and put the Michael Havers, the Attorney pending 1987-88 award on to General, was sought and he a legal footing.

General, was sought and he quickly confirmed that the Government had been operating illegally_

Sir Michael was on the Government front beach as error occurred because in 1980 Mr Ridley faced charges of when the legislation governing government incompetence, The mistake centres on the defintion of "relevant and

grant authorities receive. A 17-clause Bill is to be ing deep and obvious from bousing revenue ac-

total expenditure.

total expenditure" which has been used to decide levels of Since 1980 contributions

to the rate fund revenue account have been treated as income reducing relevant and But, Mr Ridley admitted,

that approach does not correspond to the statute. Legal advice had made clear that the department's treatment of expenditure "was incorrect in

Transfers between funds and accounts within the rate fund are not expenditure. he said. Expenditure takes place only when an authority has liabilities in the outside world" and meets those from the general rate fund.

make trouble in Caribbean The United States has

Washington).

"negative factor" in US-Surinam relations.

NEWS SUMMARY

Longer jail term for solvent seller

The first shopkeeper jailed in England for selling solvents to a teenage boy, who later died after a mammoth smiffing session, not only lost his appeal against the conviction yesterday but also had his prison sentence increased by a month

Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, a newsagent in Southwark. south London, had appealed against his conviction for supplying Lee Kendall, aged 14, of Bermondsey, with bottles of Tipp-Ex typewriter fluid thinners. He had faced two charges, the first to be brought successfully under the 1985 Supply of Intoxicating Substances Act and was jailed for the property of the successful to the supply of the successful type of the supply of the successful type of the supply of the successful type of the supply of the

Although the Inner London Crown Court accepted that the thinners bought from Patel were not the direct cause of the teenager's death, Judge Shindler said the defendant plainly knew that Lee was a boy of only 14 and pointed out that the newsagent had been prepared to accept the boy's old radio and tape recorder as barter payment. Patel, from Southall, had denied both charges.

A sharp and unexpected

increase in the numbers of visitors to privately owned

historic houses and gar-dens was reported yes-terday by the Historic Houses Association.

The average increase

was 11.5 per cent, in spite of some of the best known

attractions experiencing a fall in the number of vis-

itors from the United

Tie-break Visits to in chess homes up

In the final round of the Kleinwort Grieveson British Chess Championship play-off, Jon Speelman, the current champion, won a hard fought game against Jonathan Mestel, allowing him to catch Marray Chap-

will play two games today in which they will have half an hour each to complete the game. The tie-breaker begins at 2.30pm in room 100 of the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London. The winner will

gardens, which do not rely on overseas tourists, had a particularly good summer, despite poor weather.

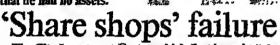
Murders cash plea

The Home Office is giving "urgent" consideration to requests for £250,000 to computerize three child murder in-quiries after an appeal last week from six chief constables. Police from West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northumbria, Lothian and Borders, and Staffordshire want to transfer information from their present computers and manual indexes to Homes (Home Office Large Major Inquiry System) to establish whether a single person killed Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Home med in a single person killed Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Hogg, aged five, and Sarah Harper, aged 10.

Penniless ! Denny

Denny Laine, aged 42, the pop musician, told the Loudon Bankruptcy Court yesterday that he was paid £135,000 by McCartney Productions for the remainder of his share of the hit song The Mall of Kintyre, which he bad written with Paul McCartney, after he left the group Wings in

He disputed £20.000 of his £76,035 alleged debts and estimated that the claims against him will amount ot £56,035, of which about £53,000 was for income tax. He said that he had no assets.



The City Investment Centre, which first brought "share shops" to high streets, was wound up in the High Court yesterday on the application of the Government. Mr Justice Mervyn-Davies granted the order to the Department of Trade and Industry on the grounds that the company was "hopelessly insolvent".

He said the company accounts were "seriously

inadequate", but it was apparent from them that it was insolvent to the extent of possibly £1,204,000. A provisional liquidator had been appointed after complaints.

Industry plans offensive on Labour policy

A £500,000 campaign against the Labour Party is being planned for the new year by Aims of Industry, the free enterprise pressure group (Our Political Correspondent

The national offensive, timed to coincide with the run up to the general election, will be paid for by big business and clash with Labour's attempts to highlight the Government's alleged lack of credibility.

Aims of Industry says: "De-spite the veneer of moderation painted on by present Labour leaders, the party has never been so left.

We are faced with the policies of large-scale nationalization; the destruction of trade union legislation that has reduced industrial anarchy and protected trade unionists; an assault on savings and pensions: a soaring rise in taxation, a return to inflation; a reduction in investment in Britain by overseas companies, the control of business by Liverpool-style and GLC-style local

authorities. Mr Michael Ivens, director of Aims of industry, which ran a similar campaign in 1983, said yesterday: "We feel Lagerous to free enterprise."

'Phone-taps' on MPs to be investigated

The Speaker of the House of Commons agreed last night to ook into new allegations of MPs' telephones being tapped Our Political Correspondent writes).

His decision came after Mr Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, quoted from a letter which gave details of how special eavesdropping equipment was installed when the Whitehall telephone system was recently modernized.

The MP said that the letter "most disturbing implications". "The writer makes very specific technical statements about the means of intercent ing telephone calls made by Honourable Members. He

states the location of the building which houses this massive equipment. "The writer claims all these installations were mounted a few weeks after MPs received push-button rather than dial

telephones."
Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, told MPs he would look into the matter

In a Commons written answer last week. Mrs Margaret Thatcher repeated the statements of previous Prime Ministers to confirm that the Government did not intercept MPs communications.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in what he described as the "very unusual use of a severe power", yesterday ordered Brent council not to take any further

proceedings against Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the head teacher accused of having made a racist remark. Mr Baker told the council that under Section 68 of the 1944 Education Act be was satisfied, "that no reasonable authority, having regard to all

would decide to impose any further disciplinary penalty on Miss McGoldrick, even if the allegation against her were to be substantiated".

Mr Baker said in a statement: "I want to emphasize that my action in no way condones, let alone defends, racial discrimination. But I cannot help reflecting that when so-called anti-racism shows that disregard for justice and tolerance which it purports to fight, it defeats its own purpose.

He believed Miss McGol-

the circumstances of the case, drick had suffered enough. "She was suspended for a number of months and has been subjected to a great deal of stress. I think it would be cal pressure within his own unreasonable to continue to pursue the matter,

Mr Baker said that before deciding to issue the directive. he had to take very great care to give Brent every opportunity to justify its action. "If they do not accept my direction I will seek to enforce compliance in the courts . . . I shall be happy to meet any legal challenge from Brent."

Miss Merle Amory, leader of the council, said she was disappointed that Mr Baker should have "bowed to politiparty" and so prevented Brent from "carrying out its racial equality policies". She described his action as an "attack on a borough with a large

black population". On Monday, Miss McGol-drick won a High Court injunction preventing Brent from proceeding with a disciplinary hearing until her application for a judicial re-IRA blast hits hundreds of homes

Mr Baker said he thought that action would now fall away.

The allegation against Miss McGoldrick, which she has always denied is that she told a council official she did not want any more black teachers at Sudbury Infants School. She was suspended on July 18.

On August 26, the school governors decided unanimously that there was no evidence to substantiate the after winning the backing of point of being oppressive."

Baker orders Brent to drop McGoldrick case later, the decision was overturned by the Court of Appeal. which ruled that Brent did have the right to hold a disciplinary hearing, even though Miss McGoldrick had been cleared by her governors.

Giving indgement, the Mas-ter of the Rolls said: "I cannot believe the local authority will proceed with the disciplinary hearing." Agreeing, Lord Jus-tice Nichols said: "Some of the authority's recent treatallegation. But she was not ment of Miss McGokirick has reinstated until November 5, been unhappy almost to the

Contractors to run jail remand centres

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is expected to announce the setting up of privately-run remand centres next year to relieve the pressure on overcrowded pris-

The proposal is for security firms, under licence to the Home Office, to be paid an allowance for each remand prisoner, with strict guidelines on security, care and accom-modation. The centres will probably be Government-owned and leased.

The Commons home affairs select committee is due to report in March on an investigation into the prison service. It is expected to warn of the dangers of crowding prisoners into cramped and often insanitary cells.

Most committee members are likely to support the idea of "privatized" prisons, after their autumn trip to a variety of prisons, state and privatelyrun, in the United States, However they will be op-

posed by the Prison Officers' Association and Labour MPs. Lord Glenarthur, the for-mer Home Office Minister with responsibility for the prison services, was ready to follow in the committee's footsteps but, with his cases packed, was shuffled to the Scottish Office.

His successor, Lord Caithenthusiastic about privatelymanaged prisons, plans to year with a top prison governor after receiving the committee's report.

The main attraction of "privatized" centres is to take away the burden of housing prisoners awaiting trial or sentence, who make up more than one in five of the present prison population, from state prisons. Ministers also hope it will lead to a more costeffective service.

If the "privatized" remand centres are successful, the Government is keen to hand over to private firms the running of other prisons for specific groups, such as women, young people or those with drug or drink problems,

A precedent was set when a security from was brought in this autumn to stop uncleared immigrants absconding from

At the end of October, the prison population stood at 47,321, of which 10,220 were untried or awaiting sentence. This compares with the average prison population in 1975 of 39,820, of which 4,509 were untried or unsentenced.

Prison accommodation was built to house 41,000 inmates. although 16 new prisons are planned for the 1990s.

From April 1 three pilot schemes will be run in Avon and Somerset, Kent and the West Midlands to limit the ness, who is known to be time a prisoner can be kept in custody awaiting trial. This is aimed at cutting the number examine the US system next of people kept in custody, as well as speeding up their cases and is likely to be adopted nationally eventually.

Hospitals to tighten guard on prisoners

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

taken to outside hospitals. This comes after an inquiry by Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, into the escape of Alan Knowlden

from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, last April. Three or four armed men wearing balaclava-style helmets attacked prison staff and escaped with the prisoner, who has not been recaptured. Knowlden had been re-manded to Wormwood Scrubs prison, west London, charged with two attempts of murder and had been removed to the hospital for a nose operation. Sir James said

grave breach of prison security". The report said: "Knowlden was a dangerous prisoner with a long history who had been placed in the top security £4.10).

New instructions have been category. He was being held given to prison governors to on a charge of attempted tighten up methods of guard-murder and while in prison ing top security prisoners had proved difficult and subversive. He had twice assaulted an officer. He was also regarded by the police as violent and likely to escape."

Knowlden was able to take advantage of his transfer to St Mary's Hospital to inform his family and friends, and through them his accomplices, of his exact location in the hospital and how and by

whom he was being guarded. The report said that prison instructions were designed to ensure that transfers to public hospitals were made only as a last resort. "In the case of Knowlden, the instructions

were not followed."
Mr Douglas Hurd, Home
Secretary, has accepted Sir the escape represented, "a James's recommendations. Report of an Inquiry into the Escape of Alan Richard Knowlden (HM Chief Inspector of Prisons: Statinnery Office:



By Richard Ford

Firemen damping down the ruins of a police station in south Belfast which was the target of an IRA bomb blast that damaged hundreds of homes and husinesses yesterday.

The cost of the damage to property surrounding Lisburn Road police station is expected to run into millions of pounds after the terrorists carried out their first large-scale bombing in the city for more than a

Yesterday workmen were carrying out temporary repairs to properties in the rows of

the station where roofs, windows and structure were badly damaged in the blast. Inside the ruins of the police station a fire was still raging. The device, containing several hundred pounds of explosives, was driven to the station on a hijacked school bus by a man whose family were being held hostage by terrorists in west

Belfast. Shortly after midnight he immped from the vehicle and shouted a warning to officers at the station, telling them they had 20 minutes before the bomh was primed to explode. As the police cleared the idents from their homes, the device exploded. Glass and debris was hurled

several hundred yards and up to 700 homes and business premises were damaged in a blast heard 10 miles away. The front of the RUC station. the target, was blown out to leave a burning shell. Sir John Hermon, chief

constable of the RUC, said after visiting the scene: "It shows the utter desperation of the Provisional IRA trying to accommodate their political stance with their terrorist stance." The attack had

the run-up to Christmas, he

added. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the attack, which came less than 24 hours after the RUC had given a warning that the terrorists would mount a Christmas bombing offensive in the province.

The discovery of explosives and bomb-making equipment on both sides of the border had convinced officers that the terrorists were preparing a series of bombings to prove to their hardliners that the military campaign was not being downgraded in preference for

printers lose jobs

Continued from page 1 statutory minimum of one

service, he said. The future of The Daily Telegraph was still in the balance and losses were in danger of increasing again as the company faced increased competition. Mr Knight said. The company lost £2 mil-

lion in the six-month period that ended on September 30. Terms offered to the unions will broadly mirror those offered to printers when The Daily Telegraph hegan production at its new £75 million East End plant in September, and include a requirement for hinding

The move of printing opera-tions resulted in 970 redun-

dancies out of a London printing workforce of 1,630. Mr Knight said that the move of the pre-press opera-tions of the newspaper would be accompanied by the installation of an US-made Atex computer system. Journalists are being offered

a 5 per cent pay rise plus £1,250 a year for reporters and £2,250 for sub-editors, with an additional 4 per cent increase when the company had completed its restructuring pro-gramme, Mr Knight said.

Telegraph Boeing partner to raid GEC for staff

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Headhunters from Plessey, is life after GEC", Mr partners with Boeing in their Whiteman said. bid for the £700 million airoome rac are preparing to recruit the cream of GEC technicians and electronics specialists. If, as expected, the Boeing

Awacs is preferred by the Government over the British Nimrod system developed by GEC, a team from Plessey will move into a hotel near to the GEC base at Boreham Wood, Hertforshire, on Thursday when the announcement is due to be made to test interest among workers at the rival

company. Mr Michael Whiteman, managing director of Plessey Avionics, said yesterday that skilled technicians were already in short supply. The new contract would be bound

to compound that shortage.
Plessey has an immediate need for 80 engineers to carry out existing orders and development work and a team of about 100 engineers would be built up to develop a dual band radar system that will follow on from the existing airborne early warning sched-

ule after 1995. "I understand that this may seem opportunistic. If GEC are in a state of shock after losing the contract our team will carry a message that there

Altogether 163 British com-Boeing on conventional contracts in the past, including the big names in British engineering and high technology. The Awacs contract will mean 50,000 man years of employment for British industry during the eight year building programme with a peak of about 8,000 jobs spread over

about 100 companies. The Plessey team will include a personnel executive and a small number of engineers. They will be looking for technicians with a degree in science or engineering.

It is almost certain that

GEC itself will benefit from the a Boeing victory since the two companies have enjoyed a long history of co-operation. GEC is currently bidding, in competition with Bendix, to build a flight control system for the Boeing fanjet airliner which is due to appear in 1992. Boeing has identified more than 250 British firms prob-

ahly capable of contributing to the Awacs programme and plans to observe the Government's request that as much work as possible should be given to companies based in areas unemployment.

Commission, welcomed the

But Mind, the mental health

association, which has ac-

tively campaigned to improve

community care, feared that the review could be a cost

which will ensure that

community care would be

provided more effectively. But

we would be concerned if this

sort of exercise resulted in less

We welcome any move

Government's speedy re-

action to his report.

cutting exercise.

Labour plan put to Nato

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

The French government led the way yesterday as several Nato countries voiced reservations about Labour's unilateral defence policy. Vicomte Luc de la Barre

Nanteuil, the French ambassador in Britain, was among the representatives of 14 Nato countries briefed at the Commons hy Mr Denis Healey, the shadow Foreign Secretary, on the new defence statement, Modern Britain in a Modern World, which was published last week.

Mr Healey faced searching questions from most envoys, including Mr Charles Price, the United States ambassador. about the nature of consultations Labour would undertake with the Nato allies before requiring the removal of American bases from Britain.

The ambassadors agreed not to make public statements about the meeting, which was held at Labour's invitation. but one of them disclosed later that the majority had shown by their comments their con-cern about Labour's policy. But it was the French

ambassador's statement that

the British deterrent should

not only not be got rid of, but be modernized and updated. that caused some wry comment among Labour sources His criticism of unilateralism was said to square strangely with the decision of the French in the 1960s to pull out of the military wing of Nato and, unilaterally, to

kept saucy

seaside cards

force Nato to move its headquarters nut of Paris. A statement after the meeting said that Mr Healey had reiterated Mr Kinnock's commitment to thorough consultation with all the Nato allies and said that a Labour government would take its final decisions in the light of those consultations.

Mr Healey said that he felt a "better understanding of Labour's policies" had been money being made available. achieved through the meeting.

Government orders probe into community care Yesterday Mr John Banham, head of the Audit

The Government has asked Sir Roy Griffiths, the Prime Minister's adviser on the health service, to undertake a review of community care.

The announcement comes after a report by the Audit Commission accused the Government of wasting the £6 hillion spent on care for the mentally ill, the mentally handicapped and the elderly. The commission said an urgent review was needed otherwise those groups would be left without care and at serious

risk. Sir Roy, who is also deputy

ment board, will tackle many of the issues raised by the commission, including the anomaly whereby social security benefits are encouraging people to go into residential care when they may be better

nff in their own homes. He will also assess whether funds chanelled through the health service, social services and social security provide value for money and meet individual needs. Announcing the 12-month review in the Commons yes-

terday, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social

Services, said that community care, which involved keeping people out of hospital, was key element in the Government's strategy for the health service, social services and social security.

It was important that the social security system was sensitive to individual requirements. "But it is equally inportant that the system should operate naturally and not distort individnal choice. Given the sharp rise in expenditure on residential care in recent years, we need to see whether the system

is operating sensibly and fairly."

One of Sir Roy's main tasks would be to see how the cost of residential care and other group accommodation compared to that of care at home, Mr Fowler said. The audit report showed that the cost of caring for frail elderly women could vary from £97 to £294 a week, depending on the type of care.

Mr Fowler emphasized that there was considerable variation in the way funds were managed in different parts of

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The lives of many thou- launch an investigation into sands of patients are being jeapardized by "irrational and unfounded" allegations about the conduct of transplant teams, the president of the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday. Sir Raymond Hoffenburg

said that such allegations could lead to a severe cut-back in the public response to the need for donor organs to save adults and children who would otherwise die.

Sir Raymond is chairman of a newly-formed working party which will investigate the medical ethics of taking donor hearts and other organs from oewhorn aneneephalic

Such children, born without a brain, inevitably die either during birth or shortly afterwards, he said. But recent publicity about their role in transplant operations cast unsant doubts over the whole question of such

The Department of Health being used after transplantation.

the ethical isssues of grafting anencephalic babies' organs into other infants born with

life-threatening conditions.
Surgeons at Harefield Hospital. west London, recently carried out such a heart pransplant, believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. The recipient, a baby aged 17 weeks, died two days after the operation.

The operation coincided with renewed debate about the definition of brain-death in potential organ donors.

"Many thousands of griev-

ing relatives will no doubt have been deeply troubled by such ill-informed comments and many more may have second thoughts about agree-ing to transplants," Sir Raymond said.

"The public must be re-assured that there is no question of doctors or surgeons placing the survival of any patient second to the possibility of that patient's organs being used after death for

"There is no possibility of organs being taken from a patient who is still alive. This is an outmoded and idiosyncratic view held by a very small minority. We will not allow the need for organs, however urgent, to influence normal medical judgement of the condition of a living

Sir Raymond is also chair man of the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties, which in 1976 published criteria for determining death in patients from whom organs might be

In spite of regular reviews of the criteria, there was "not a shred of evidence" to suggest guidelines should be nded, Sir Raymond said.

More than 1,000 cases in whom brain-death had been established had been followed up, showing that the heart stopped beating in all cases, in spite of continued measures to

Law chief attacks **BBC** reporting

Justice, yesterday accused the BBC of deliberately attacking the integrity of the criminal ods involving the case of Mr

mother of three, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of her son, Lord Lane replied to criticism over the reporting of the appeal on the BBC2 Out of Court pro-

gramme last week.
Sitting with Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown, Lord Lane said that they had watched a video recording of the programme after it had been drawn to

their attention.

"We came to the conclusion it consisted of a deliberate attack oo the integrity and reliability of the criminal justice system of this country,"

Lord Lane said. He said they accepted that there was nothing to stop the BBC or anyone else from mounting such an attack. "But the programme was based on a series of false assumptions and

Last December Lord Lane jury was correct," he said.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief criticized the BBC Rough After dismissing an appeal for five years for robbery with by Mrs Margaret Livesey, a violence. Doubts raised by the programme helped to make his conviction "ensatisfactory" and Lord Lane freed

him immediately. The judges ruled yesterday that Mrs Livesey, aged 50, must serve a life sentence imposed at Presion Crown Court in 1979 for the murder of her

son, Alan, who was aged 14. Mrs Livesey, who denied the murder, claimed that the police had put words in her mouth and bullied her into making a confession, which she later retracted.

Lord Lane said there was sufficient evidence for the jury to decide that she was guilty. We have considered all the matters and we are not of the view that this conviction was

in any way unsatisfactory." He said that further evidence, some of it from the inaccuracies of fact. One Rough Justice programme, would have thought one was had not helped strengthen her entitled to expect something case. The more evidence more responsible than this which was adduced before us, from the British Broadcasting the more we became convinced that the verdict of the

By the time they finally took

the youngster to hospital, doctors said she had only 10 or

15 minotes to live. "That was a pretty cold-blooded thing to

do," Judge Paiba said.
Humphries, a heating en-

gineer, and Gregory, both of

Kennington, south London.

had denied causing grievous bodily harm with intent and

neglect.
But at an earlier hearing at

Southwark Crown Court in

south London, a jury found them guilty of grevious bodily

harm, without intent, and

guilty of the neglect charge.

Prison for couple who scalded girl in bath

A mother who plunged her skill of those at the hospital daughter aged two into a scalding bath because she messed her pants was jailed for six and a half years scald she had only 10 or

The woman's former boyfriend was also jailed for six years for his part in inflicting 45 per cent burns on the child, who is now scarred for life.

Linda Gregory and Derek Humphries delayed taking the girl to hospital for more than an hour and a half while they plotted to make it look like an

accident.
Judge Paiba said it was one of the worst cases of inflicting grievous bodily harm that he had ever come across.

He told Gregory, aged 23, and Humphries, aged 22: "If it wasn't for the devotioo and

Postwoman

Police suspensions a 'waste' of money

The suspension of five senior police officers, on basic pay, after a verdict of "unlawful killing" by the jury at the inquest into the death of Mr. John Mikkelsen, a Hell's Angel, was a complete waste of public money, their counsel told the High Court yesterday.

Mr Mikkelsen died in hos pital, in July last year, shortly after a struggle during his arrest in Bedfont, west Londoo, in which he was hit on the head with a truncheon. Eight officers of the Metro-

By David Cross

The future of what is prob-

ably the most magnificent artefact given to the Church of

England this century should not be decided simply on its

shape or its position in the Wren masterpiece where it has

been temporarily installed, an

ecclesiastical appeal court was

told yesterday.
The Court of Ecclesiastical

Causes, which consists of two

High Court judges and three

bishops, has to decide whether a circular marble altar,

sculpted by the late Henry

Moore, is a suitable ornament be repeated."

politan Police are involved in the attempt, in the High Court, to have the "unlawful killing" verdict of March 27

this year quashed and a new inquest ordered.

The jury at West London coroner's court found that Mr Mikkelsen, aged 34, had been unlawfully killed and they attributed his death to "the degree of care after he was overpowered".

Counsel for the officers claim that the finding was not supported by the evidence and that the coroner's directions to the jury on the meaning of unlawful killing and on the standard of proof necessary to return such a verdict were

The bearing continues.

Now men are living longer, too

By Jill Sherman

Men are living longer and the life expectancy gap be-tween the sexes is closing, according to the latest population projections from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS).

By 2025 men are likely to live until an average age of 75, three years more than the present average life expec-tancy. Women, who now live an average of 77 years and 10 months, can expect to live an average of only two extra

The projections have changed from 1983, when both sexes were expected to show a similar increase in life expectancy. The censuses office attributes the change to a decrease in male deaths from

diseases such as lung cancer. The fall is not reflected in women, whose reluctance to give up smoking has resulted in a sharp rise in lang cancer.

However the increase may be shortlived. The new figures assume a faster decrease in mortality rates in the first ed a slower fall in later years. "It seems nowise to assi that the decline in mortality rates can be maintained indefinitely," the OPCS said.

Overall, the population in England and Wales is expected to increase from 49.9 million to 52.2 million in 2001 and 53.5 million in 2025.

The age structure is ex-pected to shift significantly to reflect the growing number of retlect the growing number of elderly people. Between 1985 and 2001, the number of people aged 16 to 29 is expected to decline by 20 percent, while those aged 30 and over increases. The number of people aged 75 and over is expected to increase by more than 25 percent

than 25 per cent. At the same time the number of women aged 85 and over will increase by at least 50 per cent. The number of men of

similar age is expected to more than double.

The ceasuses office said this was partly because survivors of a generation which did not experience the mortality of the First World War would suc-The couple had been remanded in custody for reports ceed preceding, war-depicted

well as the dangers of those who have Aids, for instance," he said. and has not so far come under promiscuity. The campaign's promotion attack from Roman Catholie GP's note Court frees jailed victim of rapist

Mr John Aspinall, owner of Howletts and Port Lympne zoos, Kent, with a bronze by William Timym, the sculptor, of a male gorilla and its daughter. They are among items from Mr Aspinall's collection of wild life art being exhibited at the Guildhall Art Gallery, London, until Friday, in aid of Sumatran rhinoceros conservation (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Aids in Ireland

Government defies church

By Richard Ford

of the use of condoms has

been attacked by Dr John Buckley, the auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop of Cork and

Ross, who said the campaign disregarded the moral prin-ciples held by the Catholie and

Encouraging the use of

contraception would not bring about the change in moral attitudes and social behaviour

needed to restore the stability

of the family as a fundamental safeguard of public health, he said.

sexual experience of love was reserved for marriage and all

educational programmes

about Aids should he based on

Dr Patrick Lennon, Bishop

of Kildare and Leighlin, said it was up to the hierarchy to

discourage the use of con-

that could cut down on the

spread of disease that you

can't use. You could kill all

"There are lots of things

The bishop added that peo-

other churches.

that principle.

The Irish government is to ignore criticisms from Roman

Catholic clergy when it launches an anti-Aids cam-

paign which will advise people

Mr Barry Desmond, Min-

ister for Health, whose reform

of the republic's family plan-

ning laws brought him into

conflict with the hierarchy,

has bluntly told the clergy

this is a public health

He said: "The use of con-doms is an integral part of all

Public discussion of contra-

ception remains a delicate

advertisements on television,

radio and in newspapers will

advise people with more than one sexual partner to use

condoms as a means of afford-

ing some protection against

The campaign against the

disease, which will be launched next month, will

emphasize the importance of

staying with one partner as

spoke of

suicide

A letter from "beyond the

grave" told the relatives of a

family doctor of her plan to

commit suicide, the Central

Criminal Court was told

The letter, written by Dr

Ruby Baksh from her holiday

home in Spain, did not arrive in India until after her death

Her husband, Dr John Baksh, of Bickley Road, Bromley, south-east London,

denies murdering her with a morphine overdose so he

could marry his new lover, Madhu.

Three years later, a jury has

been told, he allegedly tried to

murder Madho because he

stood to inherit more than £250,000 if she died. He

allegedly drugged her, slit her throat and left her to die.

His first wife's sister. Mrs

Janet Williams, said Ruby had written to her saying: "I am

fed up and I am going to

Mrs Williams, a nursing sister in India, said she no

longer had the letter. "I tore it

up because it made me cry."

The case continues today.

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Appeal yesterday.

Alison Darby, aged 20, of Reservoir Road, Rowley Regis, Warley, Birmingham, was placed on probation for three years.

Rashid, a neighbour, was needed stitches but was not iailed for 18 months in Octo- seriously hart. ber 1985.

He was released after serving six months and moved back into a block of flats near where Darby lived Over the oext four or five

Alison Darby: taunted by

whatever they decide. But that

does not mean that I could

13 reported cases of Aids in the Irish Republic since July

1984 and 500 people are

condoms comes only a few

republic's family planning laws. Non-medical contra-

£70,000 anti-Aids campaign in

which it gives a warning of the

dangers of sleeping around and advises people to use a condom if they are having

sexual intercourse with some

The campaign, launched two days ago, includes explicit

newspaper advertisements

one they are oot sure about.

carrying the virus.

Eight people have died from

A rape victim, who was weeks, Lord Lane, the Lord jailed for six months in Octo- Chief Justice, said Rashid ber for wounding her attacker, taunted her, made rude ges-was freed by the Court of tures and made comments to his friends every time he saw

At the end of May, Darby's former boy friend, Alan Holt, aged 20, Robert Wilson, aged 20, and Dennis Familian , and Dennis Fowkes, aged The court was told that the 24, attacked Rashid and man who raped her, Abdul Darby joined in. Their victim

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown, agreed

that Darby was not the ringleader of the attack. Replying to criticism that Rashid was freed on parole after serving only six months, Lord Lane said the lowering of

the parole threshold meant that nowadays about 78 per cent of all those sentenced to between nine and 18 mooths were released on parole after six months. He also said that the sen-

tence on Rashid for rape was passed four months before the Court of Appeal set out guidelines on rape sentencing. "Had the judge sentencing Rashid had these before him, there is no doubt the sentence would have been longer," he

the Archdeacon of London,

"This is a most unusual case of "This is a most unusual case of candour oo the part of a note-

Inmates of Nottingham Prison yesterday held a Christmas party for handicapped local schoolchildren, with one of the prisoners dressed up as

Symphony is a riot of music

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent

Scenes of barely restrained musical anarchy, featuring si-rens competing with a harpsi-chord and violinists brandishing fists in mock anger at the conductor, are about to be unveiled at the Festival Hall

The government's cam-paign advising on the use of in London. The erratic mixture of classical, jazz and rock themes years after the coalition government liberalized the that constitute Alfred Schnittke's First Symphony is ceptives can now be purto be given its British premiere ple had to accept that the chased at chemists by people by the BBC Symphony Orover the age of 18 without a chestra tonight - provided the cooductor, Geonady In Northern Ireland, the Rozhdestvensky, can keep the

Government has launched a musicians under control. Schnittke, Russia's leading contemporary composer, appeared unperturbed by the sight of the entire string section walking off stage dur-

ing rehearsals yesterday.

"It is all part of the work," he explained. "My aim is to reconcile the serious with the absurd.

The symphony begins with the musicians walking on to the platform playing anything they like, then joining forces to produce a furious crescendo until they are silenced by frantie waving of the conductor's baton.

Rozhdestvensky gives a passable imitation of a referee ordering off players in a rowdy football team.

Arthur Price, the principal second violinist, said he believed the work was writteo

more for the audience than the orchestra. "There will be something to look at all the time. We extemporize a lot, and at one point we kind of go over the

shut us up. The horns are good at blowing raspberries." Mr Price said he admired Rozhilestvensky's direction, in achieving order out of apparent chaos, "although

top and the conductor tries to

sometimes knowing where you are in the score is quite difficult". He is oot alone. A horn

player wandering off-stage during the third movement was overheard to ask a col- Lincolnshi league: "What do we do now?" £154,000.

Winner to take long journey

A retired property manager is the sole winner of yes-terday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Trevor Phillips, a 73, from, south-east London has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in The Times, of which he has been a reader for the past 40 years. "I am very thrilled indeed

Christmas is a great time to win something," he said. When asked how he intended spending the prize money, Mr Phillips, said: "I will visit my relations in New Zealand next summer.

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope

Portfolio Gold. The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Pathologist accused in death case

A pathologist was commit-ted for trial to the Central Criminal Court yesterday ac-cused of inciting a person to obstruct a coroner by breaking the neck of a dead woman.

Dr Albert Googefilleke, o Ascot Avence, Ealing, west London, is further accused of perverting the course of justice on the same date, July 2. He was committed for trial on bail from Hendon Magistrates Court, north-west London. The woman, Mrs Selma Spitz, aged 84, died at an old people's home in East Finch-ley on June 25.

Rape attack on schoolgirl

A hunt was launched in Bristol yesterday for a man who raped a teenage school-

The girl was seized as she began to walk home across wasteland at Abbotswood, Yate, and thrown against the

Severn Bridge tolls to rise

The legal battle by county councils in South Wales to stop toll increases on the Severn Bridge was lost in the House of Lords yesterday.

A committee of law lords refused the councils leave to appeal against a Court of Appeal decision allowing Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, to implement increases aimed at raising an additional £3.6 million a year. The new rates are likely to be imposed soon.

Belts come off in crime fight

West Midlands police are to receive redesigned uniforms without belts or full epaulets, which can be held on to by attackers, because of increas-ing number of assaults on officers.

The 6,500 officers will be given the choice of a thick Nato-style jumper or special jackets. The jumpers have lightweight epaulets which can be torn away easily.

Drug mother's custody plea

A woman heroin addict, aged 32, yesterday failed to regain custody of her daughter, aged 15, who had asked to be taken into care.

Newbury Juvenile Court,

Buckinghamshire was tald

Buckinghamshire, was told that the mother had asked her daughter to inject her with heroin and to help collect drugs from Reading station.

A 47-acre farm bought for £300 in 1924, American Cottage Farm at Ruskington. Lincolnshire, was sold for Wogan and Aspel top

Farm profit

Radio 2 at Christmas Terry Wogan is returning to Christmas party at the Queen Radio 2, for the first time Mary's Hospital for children since he began his televisioo in Surrey. series, to host a two-hour show

on Christmas Day. Michael Aspel is also among the list of stars who will have special shows during the Christmas and new year holiday period. He will be back at the BBC for the first time since he left his job as a television news reader to broadcast on.

commercial radio. Others with their own holiday shows on the network include Paul Nicholas, Angela Rippon, Gerald Harper, Adrian Love and Teddy Johnson,

terday. Among the Radio 2 regultaking a look at the last-

streets of the east London borough of Hackney, where he grew up, in a coach and four during his breakfast show and . Ken Bruce will be going home for a special Hegmanay show from Glasgow. Cliff Richard, Dana, Mary O'Hara and Alvin Stardust will star in a concert on

Derek Jameson, takes to the

Christmas Day, introduced by Roy Castle, and there will also be concerts by Alan Price, James Galway, and Ralph McTell. A oew musical, called In

With The Old, with a vintage cast including Richard Murars, Gloria Hunniford will be doch, Evelyn Laye, Elisabeth Welch and Dora Bryan, is also minute shopping rush at to be broadcast on Christmas Harrods, and will also host a Day.

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kept saucy seaside cards A part-time postwoman who refused to deliver three saucy seaside postcards because she said she thought

they were pornographic, was jailed by magistrates at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. Margaret Kenny, aged 21, of Micklefield Road, High Wycombe, kept the postcards showing topless beach beauties in her own bedroom.

When she was questioned about the missing mail, she admitted opening other packages "because I am nosy". The magistrates sentenced her to seven days in prison for not delivering the three post-cards and for opening 19 postal packages. Kenny, who admitted the two charges,

blamed her actions on premenstrual tension. Mr Roger Williams, for the prosecution, said that Kenny was questioned and her home was searched. "In her bedroom three picture postcards were found which had been due for delivery by her. She said she had refused to deliver the postcards because she considered

"They are of a type quite

commonly sent from seaside

resorts. Although they may

not be in the best of taste they

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pornographic.

prior to sentencing.

Kenningtoo

court considers merits of Moore altar for St Stephen Walbrook, in the City of London. Opponents of Mr Peter Palambo, the property mil-tionaire, who is spending £1.3 million on the refurbishment of the church, argue that

placing the altar under the dome is incongruous in a seventeenth century setting. But the court, which is sitting for only the second time in its 23-year history, was told Referring to notes made by the chancellor about witnesses by Mr Peter Boydell, QC; Our argument is that this is a creative proposal the like of called before the consistory which there has not been court to testify in favour of the before and which is unlikely to altar, Mr Boydell said that

Mr Boydell criticized Chancellor George Newsom, of the Loudon Diocesan consistory court, for failing to appreciate the "beauty" of the sculpture in his ruling against the siting of the altar last February.

It was clear from Chancellor Newsom's judgment that he had "been shocked by the size of the altar and its unconventional shape," Mr Boydell taken kindly to the evidence Spencer Maurice, counsel for submitted by Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, "This is a most arrogant and unpleasant witness," he had written of Sir Roy. Mr Justice Gibson said:

of remark he would have written down, he added. Later Mr Justice Lloyd, chairman of the beach, said that he would be attending a altar, Mr Boydell said that dining club where Sir Roy was of the prison those showed that he had not a guest. He hoped that Mr Santa Claus.

who had opposed the altar, would not object. "Not at all", came the reply. The case continues today.

taker which I think is admirable." It was not the sort for children

the BBC announced yes-

Rate system being worked illegally, Ridley tells House thority associations, that wanted the definition which had

The way the Government has able to plan their budgets and been operating the rate-support rates for 1987-88 with consystem in recent years has been fidence on the basis of my been operating the rate-support system in recent years has been found to be unlawful and an urgent Bill is to be introduced to

That admission from Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Environment, was greeted with cries of derision rom Opposition MPs, who frequently interrupted his state-ment. Their official spokesman said that "this fiasco" would cause great nocertainty among

local authorities. Mr Ridley said: Relevant and total expenditure are two key concepts which are basic to the local government finance sys-tem in England and Wales. Since 1981 relevant and total expenditure have been cal-culated on the basis of the expenditure charged to a local authority's rate fund revenue

That expenditure iocludes contributionss from that acthousing revenue account and other special funds. Cootributions from such funds and accounts to the rate fund revenue accouot have been re-garded as income reducing relevant and total expenditure.

That approach was adopted in

1981 in response to the views of the local authority associations. I have looked closely at the definitions of relevant and total expeoditure because of some anomolies in the returns of expenditure received from a

oumber of authorities.
I was concerned that the accepted approach, despite the local authority associations desire for it, did not seem to correspond to the statute, and I sought legal advice about this. That advice made it clear that the department's treatment of expenditure was incorrect in

Transfers between funds and accounts within the rate fund are not expeoditure: expenditure only takes place when an authority has liabilities in the outside world and meets these from from the general rate fund. A second opinion confirmed the

I must accept that advice. It means that past decisions which involved the concepts of total or doubt, and that it would be quite improper for me or the Sec-retary of State for Wales to ask the House to take further decisions on the present ba

Until this malter is put right, we cannot therefore make any further rate-support grant re-ports, including the maio report for 1987-88, or complete the rate

limitation process.

To deal with this highly technical problem, the Governmeot will therefore be bringing urgent legislation before Parliament which will validate for decisions involving the use of relevant or total expenditure and allow decisions to be properly taken for the remainder of the present RSG system in line with the practice which has

hitherto been adopted.

Because the Bill io unlikely to receive the Royal Assent in time to allow for the normal timetable on rate limitation. I proto set rate and precept limits for designated authorities by formula. The Bill is designed to make no changes in policy, but as far as possible to apply existing policy within a tight

· The Secretary of State for Scotland administers the Scottish RSG under separate legislatioo and the same problem does not arise. Some more micor difficulties io Scottish practice which have come to light will, however, also be remedied in

the proposed legislation.

Authorities will be concerned, io the light of my statement, for 1987-88 and on outstanding

supplementary reports.

When the House returns to January I hope to announce my firm intentions for the 1987-88 settlement for England and the supplementary reports for 1986-87 and 1985-86. The Bill is designed to fulfil those in-tentions. I shall make the relevant reports immediately on Royal Assent to the validating Bill.

ing between the Government

or plan their families' summer

On the MPs' behalf the

procedure select committee

opened an inquiry last night into whether there should be

fixed dates for the start of the

Christmas, Easter and sum-

mer recesses of the Commons,

thereby scrapping the present system whereby the Govern-

ment sets the date according to

the backlog of business and

announces it just two or three

In recent years the summer

recess has begun as early as

July 23 and as late as August

8. That wreaks havoc with the

holiday plans of Scottish MPs

ia particular, whose children

traditionally return to school

soon after the middle of

holidays there is no greater

certainty. The Christmas re-

cess consisted of just 11 sitting

days in 1976, but has been as

For MPs fond of winter

weeks in advance.

statement in January. Also in January I and other ministers will inform designated authorius of the exact rate and precept limits which will be set for them in accordance with the provisions of the Bill.

My department is today writ-ing to all authorities and their associations to explain the

position.

Dr Jnhn Cumingham, chief
Opposition spokesman on the
environment, said this was the fourth statement on rate-sup-port grant in five months and demonstrated the absolute shambles into which Tory ministers had driven local govern-

Why had be not been frank with the House no this matter in

"Relevant expenditure" is the amount of money taken into account when assessing a block grant allocated to a local authority under the rate-support grant system.

"Total expenditure" is the relevant expenditure plus some other amounts and is arrived at by complicated calculations taking into account other supple-mentary and specific grants.

answering a private notice ques-tion on December 3? Wnuld not this latest Department of Environment fiasco cause massive uncertainty about local authority budgets and rates throughout the whole of England and Wales and massive difficulties for the local authorities framed by Mr Ridley be-

Rates Act? There had been five Acts of Parliament on this issue in the past six years, the latest of which received Royal Assent only on October 31 this year. His min-isterial colleagues had asked the Hnuse to pass that Bill which would "clarify the law" (Labour

cause of his manipulation of the

In a circular to local authorities, the Department of the Environment had made clear that "total expenditure for the calculation of block grant should include contributions housing revenue account and nther trading accounts and that



Dr John Cunningham: Attack on "Tory shambles".

it was only interest receipts on the rate fund revenue account which should be taken into account to adjust relevant expenditure to total expenditure". What had changed since his department made that

Giveo the abysmal and re-peated failures of this Government to get its legislation right and the resulting massive damage to local government, it was the duty of the House rigorously in scrutinize the proposed

the political incompetence of a succession of Tory secretaries of state for the environment who had legislated themselves into what was quite clearly a maze of stupid legal controls? Mr Ridley asked what accutiny Dr Cunoingham had be given it

(Labour protests).
It was the local authority

long as 20 sitting days. The Easter recess begins with the

The procedure committee

liament earlier this year and

was impressed by the smooth working of the fixed-date sys-tem that was introduced there

a few years ago in the face of

However, while Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the

House, and Mr Peter Shore,

the shadow Leader - both of

whom gave evidence last

night - are sympathetic, they

are opposed to having fixed dates because it would deprive

the government of the day of

vital flexibility. A radical government, Mr Shore says,

will need much more leg-islative time than a staid one.

Members of the committee

believe that excessive leg

islative business could be

autumn spill-over period, rather than earlier in the

incorporated into a longe

and ends with it others.

much opposition.

Clash looms over

fixed recesses

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

and those MPs who like to ski Easter weekend some years,

advice was towards the end of October. It was confirmed in a

now been found to be in question.
The first intimation of legal

second opinion.

The Bill would be published either tomorrow or the next day and would cootain 17 clauses. If they wanted the rate-support grant to be paid in the next financial year, it would be expeditions for the Bill to reach the status book so that the ratethe statute book so that the rateme stange book so that the rate-support grant could be paid. Mr Patrick Jenkin (Wanstead and Woodford, C), a former Secretary of State for Environ-ment, said Mr Ridley had the

ment, said Mr Ridley had the sympathy of a great many people not least of those who had beld his high office.

He was to be warmly commended for having come to the House on a very early opportunity to make known the error that had been discovered and his determination to put it right.

Any attempt to hold up this Bill would merely nostpone the

Any anempt to hold up this Bill would merely postpone the final rate-support grant settlement of 1987-88.

Mr Ridley said that the Bill would simply seek to put the legal position back to what everybody thought it was. There was no change of policy.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) said that for Mr Ridley to say that the accepted approach did not correspond to the statute was the most breaththe statute was the most breathtaking piece of understatement heard in the House for a long

Mr Ridley was trying to make legal what had previously been illegal. The Government did not understand its own legislation introduced seven years ago. They were trying to pass the buck to local authorities. Mr Ridley said the local authorities would be the quickest to ask for early passage of legislation. Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley C), a former Secretary of State for the Environment: If I under-stood the thrust of a complex and technical statement, it is that I have spent £30 billion of taxpayers' money illegally. If that is right, may I promise him my support for the legislation be

proposes (laughter). Mr Ridley: I can assure him we would not suggest that. I do oot think anybody should apportion blame in this matter (laughter). There has been a distinction between what people though the law was and what it really is Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab): His defence seems to be that he was not certain what the law

Mr Ridley: He is totally wrong. am the only person who is quite certain what the law is (loud and prolonged laughter).

Mr Anthony Beamsont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): He is the least guilty in a long line of duced one local government Bill after another. Some of us on this side spelt out the dangers that would come. Is he now saving that when we are told that what we all thought was right is now wrong, what we thought was right many of us knew was

Mr Ridley: Entertaining as his remarks were, I do not see the question for me.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourge, Cl. Is it really the case that until be body from the Lahour Party nobody from the Liberal Party, nobody from the Opposition front bench in the House of Lords and not even the glittering talents of Mr Beaumoot-Dark had understood the position?

Should not he having a brain even finer than that of his four distinguished predecessors, earn the gratitude of the House and is it not the case that when he presents the Bill to the House be will be restoring the law to that which Parliament intended, to that which the Labour Party believed was the law, to that which the Liberals believed was the law and to that which the local authorities believed was the law, and is be oot aware that

he is earning the admiration of the House? (laughter). Mr Ridley: I join him in bewaiting the fact that of all the barrack room lawvers on the Labour side not one of them spotted this problem and it was left to me to explain it to the

Terrorist threat continues

threat, and a campaign by the Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said when be moved second reading of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

The Bill continues, with some amendments, the existing emer-gency provisions in the province and provides for them to be renewed every year mather than every six months as at present. He said that the bomb attack that day was a sombre reminder of the situation which made the Bill necessary. This year there had been about sixty deaths from terrorist incidents. The

amount of purchases it makes from that company, of the order of £300 million last year. figure was 247 in 1975. Against 50 incidents this year, there were 2,438 in 1975. From that one could get a Lothien, Lab): Just because Mr Cecil Parkinson made mistakes measure of the success the security forces had had in reducing the level of terrorism.

Why are we just getting this thrawn [stubborn] refusal 10 have an independent inquiry into Parliament today Commons (2.30): Debate on the Chaocellor's autumn statement the issue? Mrs Thatcher: I do not think he Lords (2.30): Debates on the security services and oo Cyprus. Licensing (Resnaurant Meals) has added anything to the Bill, second reading.

CALLES Mr Nicholas Ridley admitting to the Commons that it is a fair cop.

Defence

needs are

central

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister insisted in

the Commons that the defence

requirements must be para-mount in the decision on whether to order the GEC

airborne early warning system or the Boeing Awacs system. She dismissed a suggestion by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the

Mr Neil Kinneck, Leader of the Opposition, that there should be an independent inquiry into the merits of the conspeting systems. Questions on the controversy were initiated by Mr Robert Adley (Christcharch, C), who said that as defence criteria.

said that as defence criteria would undoubtedly be para-mount in the decision which Mrs

Thatcher and the Cabinet had to

take on a warning system, neither she nor the House needed advice from the party

ich cancelled the TSR2

military aircraft abandoned by the Labour Government in the

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that the

defence requirements must be paramount in this decisi

we must be certain that the system chosen will meet the country's defence requirements fully and within an acceptable

Mr Kinnock said the strong demand was that the country should get an early warning system which had to be de-

endable and at a cost and in a

It was also necessary to show

that in reaching a decision full account was taken of the present

quality of the British GEC
system and of the national
technological interest.
To Conservative interruptions
he asked: Before the Cabinet

meets on Thursday, therefore, would the Prime Minister set up

would the Prime Minister set up a speedy and independent in-quiry to establish beyond all possible doubt the relevant tech-nological, financial, delivery and, above all, defence merits of the GEC system and the Boeing Awacs system? Mrs Thatcher: I made clear that

defeace requirements must be parazzount in this decision. I also make clear that an indepen-

dest inquiry is seither necessary nor apropriate to enable the customer to decide how best to meet its vital need to have an

effective airborne early warning system in operational service as soon as possible.

soon as possible.
Mr Kimock: Is her refusal to
have an inquiry based upon the
conviction that the GEC system

is somehow so inferior as not to warrant further consideration? Mrs Thatcher: We must be sure

Mrs I natcher: We must be sure the system chosen will need the coentry's defence requirements fally and within an acceptable timescale. An independent inquiry is neither necessary nor appropriate to enable the customer, the Ministry of Defence and the RAF, to decide how best to meet its vital need.

Mrs Lange Prince (Waysney Ch.)

Mr James Prior (Waveney, C): I

declare an all too-well-known interest. Of course the country's

The leaks which have come out of the Ministry of Defence have been very majorismate be-

cause they have given the im-

pression that the GEC system simply does not work and cannot be made to work.

Mrs Thatcher: The Ministry of

Defence has great confidence in

GEC, as is instanced by the

Mr John Home Robertson (East

in the past does not necessarily

mean that he is wrong about

defences must come first.

those who qualify benefit was always paid to those who qualified for it and was introducing measures such as the re-start scheme to steer people wanting jobs back into work, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Pay-master General and Minister for

Employment, said in the Com-mons. But Mr John Evans, an Oppositioo spokesman, denounced the scheme as cynical Mr Anteny Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that in two constituencies io booming Loudon — Vauxhall and Bermondsey - they had 30 per cent of males unemployed and drawing benefit and that seemed massive evidence of fiddle, fraud and idleoess. He asked the minister to make sure that the availability-for-work test was reinforced

in those areas.
Mr Clarke: There has always been a test of availability; there has always been an availability

Benefit must go to

vacancies. We are introducing things like the re-start scheme to steer people who want work back into work.

this cynical scheme is to reduce unemployment figures before

asking questions.
Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C): Anyone enjoying unemployment benefit is enjoying it at the expense of the taxpaver. Is it not completely unfair for taxpayers' money to be used when the person receiv-ing it is not available for work? Mr Clarke: The average taxrule. We are seeking to ensure that benefit is always paid to those who actually qualify for it. Opposition demanding that you instructed in the could be amazed to hear the could ensure a thorough investigation was made through investigation was made through the privileges committee.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr Evans: The main purpose of

trol and oot under the Government's control "because Mr Clarke: Labour Party policy we have no confidence that any appears to be to give benefit to such inquiry carried out on behalf of the Government would be thorough or im-

Adjournment debate

partial".

Police strength up by 15,000

violence, rioting and abusing the

police and sometimes bring arrested in the process. And from a party in which far too

many were hostile to the police

and took every opportunity to express that hostility; men such as Bernie Grant, Ted Knight

and Derck Hatton.

crime the Government had increased police strength by them and the courts with en-hanced powers and had provided many additional re-sources. Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Ofice, said early oo Tuesday during an adjuurnment debate

He said that the Government had also taken positive action nn crime prevention, much improved the efficiency and effectiveness of parts of the criminal justice system and was seeking to provide a mare effective support system for the

victims of crime.

Its legislation, such as the Prevention of Terrorism Act and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, had been cootin-ually attacked and disgracefully

opposed by the Labour Party. But that was to be expected from a party whose members were to be found on the picket lines at Grunwick and Wapping and other scenes of deplorable

Housing

'history of

neglect'

The evidence of the past seven years of oeglect and decay in Britain's housing stock proved

shocking housekeepers, Mr Malcoim Brace (Gordon, L) said early today during the all-night adjournment debate.

In the past 20 years the housing crisis had worsened

sharply, he said. The number of bumeless had now reached a

record 120,000. Mr John Maxton, an Opposi-

tion spokesman on Scotland,

said it was absurd to allow tax

Mr Michael Aucrain, Under-

Secretary of State for Scotland,

said that since coming to power the Government had increased

its capital investment in Scot-

land's housing stock by 5 per

Peace support

Mr Timethy Eggar, a junior Foreign Office minister, re-affirmed during the debate that the Government saw a political

restoring peace in Central Amer-

ica. Its position was one of support for the Contadora peace

cent in real terms.

basis of society. They then complained at growing crime "As long as I have been in politics, the Labour Party have created the circumstances which

The Labour Party had preached far too often the message of entitlement while forgering the message of obligation. Its members believed that people owed no obligation to neighbours or society and had constantly over the past 20 years sought to undermine the moral

have given rise to the problems Mr Donald Dixon (Jarrow, Lab), whn opened the debate, said the Conservatives had been elected mainly on a law-and-order ticket. But after seven years of office, many thousands of people endured the fear of crime, were frightened to go out after dark and fearful of allow-

Mr Fankis said later that there

was the question of who was responsible for putting in the

interception machinery. Surely this was a prima facie breach of

privilege. If the accusations were

true, it was the responsibility of

ing their children out to play. By the end of the hour-and-ahalf debate, 24 people would have been victims of violent crime, 114 would have suffered criminal damage, 180 would have been burgled, 384 would have suffered theft and 744 would have been the victims of some kind of offence. That was the extent to which crime had risen since 1979.

What people wanted was to see more policemen on the beat, on the estates and in the offences occured, not manning the picket lines or in police cars

by the madside. People had a right to demand better street lighting, reliable public transport and improved

protection for their houses so that they could live safely in their bomes and communities.

Nato would suffer under Labour

For Britain unilaterally to dis-arm would shock Nato to the core and damage Nato's flexible-response strategy as well as the unity of the alliance, Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Sec-retary of State for the Armed , said during the adjournment debate.

He was answering a debate opened by Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North, C) who said that for the future peace of that Nato should preserve sufficient forces and possess a credible deterrent.

should weaken Nato. Recent strains were more serious than had previously been experienced, which could result to the United States sliding into a period of isolationism. The CND movement, which had succeeded in influencing the

thinking of the Labour and Liberal parties, was seeking to influence youngsters by the teaching of so-called pence studies. It should oot be part of education at alL The approach of the Liberal-

SDP Alliance was dangerous because they were talking de facto of unitateralism. Mr Gerry Nesle (Corawall North, C) said that for the Mr Kevin McNamara

Opposition spokesman on de-fence, said that if Europe lost more of its high-technology base to the Americans then it would become a satellite of the US. That was not what they wanted, neither would it be good for Europe. It was essential, therefore, that there should be an independent airborne early-

warning system.

The Government had taken many unilaseral defence decisions without reference to Nato. To say the Labour Party was the only party that believed in unaliteralism was to fly in the face of the whole history of the Government.

Mr Freeman said the Labour Party pointed out that the United Kingdom contributed an insignificant percentage to the West's missile defence. That might be true, but Polaris and Trident packed a very powerful

The Opposition also claimed that the US would not mind being told to withdraw their nuclear forces from the United Kingdom, but the Americans



phones

may be

tapped

The writer also stated: "It soon became accepted by all the Post Office staff, onw BT staff, and the contracting engineers that the only possible purpose

for which this equipment could be used was microspring rele-

The writer claimed that all

these installations and the equipment were mounted "a few weeks after MPs received

oush button telephones". Mr Faulds added: "He appears to have no doubt of the

Geoffrey Smith

in the Commons. The Speaker (Mr Bernard Will the Government look back on 1986 as the year of the Weatherill) agreed to study the letter which Mr Faulds said contained the allegation so that terrible treble: Westland, British Leyland and now Nintrod? This latest controversy has many of the same features as he could advise on the matter. Mr Faulds said the Speaker was the guardian of MPs rights and the other two. the letter he received yesterday had the most disturbing im-

Once again it concerns that most delicate of areas where had the most disturbing implications.

The key was equipment which gave access to all telephone calls, internal and external, to more than 70,000 telephone numbers. The writer made specific technical statements about the means of intercepting calls made by MPs. He had stated the locations and the buildings which housed this equipment and explained the precise positioning of a particular room.

Over a period of time, mostly ontside normal working hours, he had written, "a room immediately to the left at the bottom of the steps was installed with extensive and sophisticated equipment."

The writer also stated: "It industrial decisions. Once again it focuses on the threat of American domination. Once again the Conservative Party

There is clearly a danger, therefore, of the Government's suffering considerable politipolitical skill than the earlier ooes. Most people, it is true, on not understand the technicalities that ought to be decisive in this case. But gnorance is no deterrent to

There are, however, dif-ferences between this fracas and the others. Westland became such a devastating crisis for the Government because one powerful and determined minister was not prepared to be corralled by the familiar instruments of prime ministerial authority.

Minister became obsessed by battle

purpose of this operation, to ease the facility for eavesdrop-ping on MPs calls inside and outside the House". He hoped the Speaker would I do not go along with those who place all the blame for Westland on Mr Heseitine's shoulders. He became nirequire the matter to be investi-Mr David Winnick (Walsall imately obsessed by the strug-North, Lab) said this was a matter of the utmost priority. If gie and his resignation was a tactical blunder. But at an the allegations were true the responsibility fell oo all MPs. earlier stage he was not given a fair hearing on an issue where he reasonably believed that including the Speaker, to ensure that such a system was more was at stake than the He wanted the Speaker to ensure that any investigation would be under his direct con-

future of a single company. Whether he was right or wrong, though, if it had not been for him Westland would not have blown up in the Government's face as it did. Now there is no second Heseltine in sight over Nim-

rod. So a replay of Westland is not in prospect. Nor are the circumstances really comparable to the fiasco over the attempted sale of British Leyland. That episode occurred so soon after West-

parts of the last big Britishowned motor manufacturer to American companies. But there has not yet been

the same public outery over Nimrod as there was over BL, Mrs Thatcher is once again riding high and all the indications are that ministers have resolved to go through with the purchase of the Boeing Awacs system without any wavering.
With the Conservative

Whips exercising strong pressure, and even encouraging potential dissidents to go home early for Christmas rather than linger at Westminster until the Cabinet takes its decision on Thursday, the chances are that the Government will get its way with no more than a minor hurricance. But this judgement could prove to be mistaken if min-

sters fail to provide sufficient convincing evidence for their choice. There would be an over-

whelming majority both in Parliament and in the country for Nimrod if it could be shown to be just about as costeffective as Awacs. It would be more acceptable politically and in terms of British industrial strategy. The case for Awacs depends entirely on the belief that it could do the job better.

Case will not be accepted on trust

That is a strong case. If accepted, it nught to be concinsive. There could be no justification for encumbering our forces with inferior equipment tional prestige nor even industrial advantage. But it is not a case that will simply be accepted on trust.

I am not arguing for an independent inquiry. But it should be possible, without disclosing either militarily sensitive information or commercial secrets, to show that there is a substantial basis in terms of operational effectiveness for the Government's

I suspect that ministers may have more difficulty in answering Mr David Steel's question as to why £900 million of public money was spent an Nimrod before deciding that it would not do. But while it may be embarrassing to explain why the decision was not taken earlier, that is not the stuff of which major political crises

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By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

the campaign for liberaliza-tion (nf routes) within Europe which could hasten the de-at Gatwick, which is the third

bound to lead to increasingly bitter debate.

Already the Air Transport
Users Committee and various
airlines are demanding a clear
decisioo to provide another

airport, said. runway and environmental The British Airports Auth-groups are rasing strong ority, which is scheduled to be

ority is studying the entire about £160 million a year for problem and is to produce a the next five or six years on report oext year into the long- improving facilities at its term oeeds. It is almost cer- seven airports. But unless the tain to recommend that more nettle of the need for more capacity for aircraft to land capacity is grasped soon, the and take off at airports in the South-east should be found.

Capacity is grasped soon, the airports will be overflowing.

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Europe's airlines could lead to an urgent demand for another runway to be built at an airport io the south-east of recommendations.

The BAA is meaowhile staoding largely on the side-lines and collecting data ready to make its nwn recommendations.

Size Necessaria.

Sir Norman said that the Sir Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports tion in the South-east have a
Authority said yesterday that capacity of 620,000 movea long-term study of future ments a year but only handle demand for runway capacity
demand for runway capacity
demand for runway capacity
defo.000. Most of the extra
was oow taking place and—
capacity, he said was at
although Gatwick, Heathrow
Stansted and projected growth
figures showed that there with the demand at present - would continue to be room for a decisioo will have to be all the demand until the taken, within the next two or middle of the next decade. But three years, on whether to because of the long lead time huild more capacity. "A fur-needed to plan and build a ther runway will depend on new runway decisions would the success, or otherwise, of have to be taken within the

mand for landing slots," be husiest international airport in the world, for scheduled Sir Norman was presenting flights, handling more than 16 BAA's half-yearly accounts million passengers a year. A which showed that connew termical planned in be in cessions sold to shopkeepers, operation there before the end along with duty-free and tax- of this year, will not open until free sales, had kept profits 1988 and airlines have pre-near £100 million in spite nf a dicted chaos and overcrowd-

drop in passengers at some airports last summer.

But the long-term problem rejected by BAA which says of how to cope with the that airlines will simply spread growing demand for air travel their flights throughout the their flights throughout the has yet to be resolved and is day rather than bunch them. "It will be busier for longer but there is no reason for there to

privatized in the middle of The Civil Aviatioo Auth- oext year will be spending

Criminal violence claims build up

The backlog of inresolved the ground and then kicked as applications to the Criminal he lay defenceless. Injuries Compensation Board, which was above 50,000 durand did not leave hospital and did not leave hospital until July 1983, His condition

cern, its annual report said yesterday. The result was unacceptable delays and was due to a severe staff shortage.

Since March, the end of the apprehend year covered by the report, the board has been told there is to be a large increase in staff. It hopes that in 1987-88 it will

prove possible to start reducing the backlog.

The board reports 39,697 oew applications during the year, an increase of 13.8 per

cent nver the previous year. The compensation paid to victims of crimes in 1985-86 tntalled £41.5 million, the highest amount paid ont in any one year since the scheme started and an increase of

17.8 per cent over 1984-85. The highest award of the year, £175,809, was paid to a mini-cab driver who, io July 1982, was confrooted by a gang of hooligans behaving

aggressively and abusively.

The driver spoke to them and was then savagely attacked, punched and kicked to

He suffered severe injuries

subsequently deteriorated and he is now very seriously

Two of his assailants were apprehended: one was senteoced to three years' imprisooment and the other to a period of borstal training. Many of the incidents occur

at weekends and often in places and situations which the victim might have avoided had he or she been sober or not willing to run some kied of risk.

lo some cases the most that can be levelled against the victim is his or her own stupidity or lack of judgement. Occasionally it is plain that the incident occurred solely because of the victim's own aggressive behaviour and sometimes the person making the application has previous convictions for violence.

Criminal Injuries
Compensation Board 22nd
Report. Cmnd No 42 (Stationery Office, £5.00).

£275,000 **Doctor 'kept** addicts off the streets'

A Harley Street doctor who is accused of irresponsibly prescribing drugs to addicts said yesterday that his aim had been to "keep them off the Dr Muhammad Rahman

told a bearing of the General Medical Council that he wanted to get his patients off drugs altogether. But, he added: "There were a few people who needed to feel normal.
"I felt some of these pa-

June 1984. tients, in order to keep them off the street, should be Dr Rahman, of Chestnut Drive, Harrow, west London,

is alleged to have charged £20 for each prescription of a heroin substitute. He admitted that he may have acted irresponsibly. Dr Rahman is accused of serious professional miscon-

The hearing cootiones.

damages for sister

A man who lives with his sister is to pay her damages of £275,000, awarded in the High

£275,000, awarded in the High Court yesterday, after a road crash which left her paralyzed. Miss Anne Luttman-Johnson, aged 24, an articled clerk, was a rear-seat passenger in a car driven by her brother, William, which went out of cootrol and hit a wall then a tree between Chedworth and Yanworth, Gloucestershire, in June 1984.

Mr Robin Stewart, QC, for Miss Luttman-Johnson, told Mr Justice French that she had suffered spinal injuries which have confined her to a subsolubair.

wheelchair.

The damages and costs of the action are to be paid by Mr Luttman-Johnson, who lives with his sister at Woodmancote, Lodsworth, Petworth, West Sussex. He had denied

£1m fraud charges

A former bank manager and three of his clients were committed for trial yesterday oo 44 fraud and corruptioo charges involving oearly a

million pounds.

Mr Clifford Agent, aged 53,
former manager of Lloyds Bank, Witham, Essex, faces five charges of corruptly accepting gifts from clients, including a car and £5,000. Mr Agent, of Plough Drive. Colchester, Essex, appeared before Witham magistrates with Mr John Lord, aged 43 a

print worker, and his wife, Moira, aged 30, of Daniel Way, Silver End, Witham, and their oeighbour, Mr Ronald Jones, aged 38, unemployed. Mr Lord faces 12 charges of deception, five of corruption and five of false accounting. Mrs Lord faces five charges of deception and they jointly face six charges of deception. Mr Jones faces six charges of deception.

deception. They were committed to Chelmsford Crown Court oo



Mrs Katrina Smith and her daughter, Barbara, with the medical team who saved the baby's life (Photograph: Tom Kidd). Baby doing well after rare operation in womb

A mother hagged her baby daughter yesterday and spoke of the rare operation that

saved the child's life. Barbara Smith, now n month old, would have died from acute anaemia had she not been given life-saving blood transfusions while still inside her mother's womb.

The highly delicate opera-tion, which has a high rate of failure, was carried out by surgeons who transfased the

blood through the naborn baby's ambilical cord.

It was so successful that Barbara, although born pre-maturely and weighing only four pounds, will be able to lead a normal life.

Mrs Katrina Smith, aged 30, the girl's mother, said: "I had no hesitation in deciding to have the treatment, although I was worried at the

Nine years ago, Mrs Smith lost a baby because of similar complications caused by her having rhesus negative blood.

The consultant who led the 12-strong life-saving team paid tribute to Mrs Smith's courage. Dr Martin Whittle said: "It was a very brave step in deciding to go ahead, but without it the baby would have

ried out at the Queen Mother's Hospital in Glasgow, the first time the operation has been a success in Scotland.

Only a small number of babies suffer from Barbara's condition and a high proportion do not survive treatment.

There is a 30 percent or more chance of the umbilical cord being damaged during

Reducing nitrates in drinking water would cost £200m

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Compliance with the EEC terday by a Government the water industry."

ment, told the Commons that the Government was considering the report and its recommendations.

About one million people, mainly in East Anglia, Lin-colnshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, regularly receive water which exceeds the EEC limit of 50 milligrammes a litre, and oce small public supply exceeds 80 milligrammes a litre.

But the report points out that nitrate concentrations in all public water supplies are at present within the limits considered acceptable by the Government's medical advisers.

There have been increases in nitrate concentrations in a expected to continue, particularly in parts of eastern and central England

lo drier arable areas some groundwaters in unconfined aquifers already exceed 100 milligrammes, and many more are predicted to dn so.

"A policy of restricting ni directive oo the nitrate con-tent of drinking water supplies to below 50 would cost at least £200 mil- milligrammes a litre would lico, a report published yes- have major implications for

working party states.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Eovironretary of State for the Eovironwould be needed and, if lnngterm trends continued, a further £150 million within 20

years." By the end of that period running costs would be about £10 million a year.

The report, by the Nitrate Co-ordination Group, established last year by the Department of the Environment with support from the Ministry of Agriculture, says there is little evidence that oitrate concentrations are causing ecological harm in rivers, estuaries or the

Among the measures which it says should be encouraged in problem areas, which would have minimum effects on farm profitability, are a ban num oer of water on the use of nitrogen fertilizer sourcesduring the past two or three decades, and this trend is mid-February; the planting of autumn-sown in preference to spring-sown crops, and the planting of winter cereals as early as possible.

Nitrate in Water (The Nitrate Co-ordination Group, Polluting Paper Nn.26, 1986, Stationery Office; £6.30).

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Egypt arrests 44 in coup attempt Cairo - The Egyptian Government said yesterday that it

had foiled another comp attempt - the third in as many months. But, unlike the previous two planned by Muslim extremists, this one was masterminded by a clandestine communist group (A Correspondent writes).

Security authorities said that they had arrested 44 people

WORLD SUMMARY

Security authorities said that they had arrested 44 people in Cairo and six other Egyptian cities. The ringleader was named as Professor Abdel-Moneim Teleima, of the Cairo University School of Arts. Three others are still at large. The group includes civil servants, teachers, a lawyer and an accountant. A Sudanese student at Cairo University, believed to be the link between the group and communists in

Sudan, was also arrested. The authorities said most of the detainees were arrested on Friday at a meeting in a flat rented by Professor Teleima and used as the group's headquarters. They were discussing plans to recruit new members and to "infiltrate the masses" to gain support for the plot to overthrow the Government and

to gain support for the plot to overthrow the Government and to establish a communist regime.

Security authorities say they have seized archives, documents and draft leaflets, including literature on how to set up a communist state. Officials say the group has been active since the early sixties, opposed the late President Nasser, and were involved in the food riots of 1977; a recording of the meeting showed that it opposed the Islamic moven

Author's prize

Paris - Francois-Olivier Rousseau, a French writer hiving on the Isle of Man, has received the 250,000-franc (£27,000) Marcel Proust Literary Prize for his novel about a pianist living in 19th-century France (AP reports). Sebastien Dore is Rous-

sean's third novel. Introspective, autobiographical and literary, the novel was selected partly for its stylistic resemblance to Proust's classic Remembrance of Things Past.

Isles row for court

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The Hague - El Sal-vador and Honduras bave asked the World Court to rule on a long-standing border dispute and decide who has sovereignty over n-jointly-claimed group of islands (Reuter reports). The International Court

of Justice said that the two countries and Honduras presented a special agree-ment last week which calls on the court to set up a chamber of judges to take written and oral evidence

Izvestia in tit-for-tat

Moscow (Reuter) — Izvestia said yesterday that its editorial board had filed suit for defamation against a California businessman, Mr Raphael Gregorian, who wou a lawsuit against the daily earlier this year.

The paper said the case against Mr Gregorian would be heard in open court in Moscow early next year. It gave no de-

The move follows a Los Angeles court decision to award Mr Gregorian \$413,000 damages in a libel suit he brought against Izvestia after the newspaper accused him of espionage in 1984. The court ruled that Mr Gregorian was entitled to Izvestia assets in the United States if the newspaper did not respect its judgment.

Last month, the Soviet Union accused US authorities of hav-

ing entered the flat of an Izvestia correspondent in Washington, calling the incident "an outrageous action".

Threat removed

Leidschendam, Netherlands - Army experts safely exploded a British wartime bomb weighing 250 lb in this small town

yesterday (Renter reports). Towns people were evac-uated from their homes by up as the bomb was removed. Experts had spent six months searching for the device.

Albania to vote

Vienna (Reuter) - Albanians will vote for a new People's Assembly on February 1. The last time the inhab-

itants of the secretive Stalinist state elected a parliament, four years ago, was cast while 1,627,959 electors voted for the single officially approved cau-didate for each district.

ported by the Sowetan and The Weekly Mail are the UDF, Cosatu, the SACC, the

End Conscription Campaign,

which opposes compulsory

military service for whites, the Black Sash, a civil rights group run by white women, and the Detainees' Parents' Support

The protest called for church belis to be tolled at

6 am yesterday and again at

Mandela. But he has declined

to reveal the time or the

nature of our meeting is

confidential," Mr Coetsee says

in an interview in the South

African monthly magazine

incarcerated by his own peo-ple through their pursuit of

violence and that they expect

him to remain in prison

because they do not wish to

give up violence themselves.

Mr Coetsee says it is unfair that Mr Mandela "remains

"I have met him, but the

purpose of the meeting.

Leadership.

Committee.

day period.

Dam houses reprieve

Madrid - The Spanish Government has suspended all further demolition work on houses in Riano, a town which is to be submerged in a dam project, after protests from augry residents (Harry Debelius writes).

The work was halted temporarily last week by a court or-der while a judge studies allegations of illegal expropria-tions. The Government has promised to respect the court's

Word of the Christmas reprieve reached Riado on Monday night, only a matter of hours after a civil gaard police col-um, heading for the town to protect construction machinery from angry residents, found its way blocked by a tree trunk across the road. The police also found several plastic bags, one of which contained a small home-made bomb.

South Africa's day of division

Whites on holiday as blacks protest

From Michael Hornsby, Johanneshurg

The Day of the Covenant, when white Afrikaners commemorate the victory of their whose support for the Christmas protest may not be reported by the Sowetan and Boer ancestors over Zulu forces at the Battle of Blood River in 1838, appeared to have passed quietly yesterday.

The celebration of the annual holiday coincided with the start of a 10-day "Christ-

mas against the Emergency campaign organized by the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the South African Council of Churches and other mainly

black opposition groups.
Yesterday was also the 25th
anniversary of the first saborage attacks carried out by Umkhonto we Sizwe, the guerrilla organization created by the African National Congress (ANC) after it was outlawed and driven under-

ground in 1960. On Monday night orders were served by the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand on Iwo johannesburg newspapers prohibiting them from carrying any statements in support of the Christmas campaign, organized by a list of specified

organizations. The two papers affected are the Sowetan, a daily written by and for blacks, and The if cekly Mail, a crusading liberal paper which was started by journalists made redun-dant when the Rand Daily Mail was closed by its owners

On Monday, the Sowetan carried a fuil-page advertise-ment for the Christmas campaign, which may have been responsible for prompting the olice action.

Among the organizations in an admirable manner.



Mr Mikhail Gorbachov sees Mrs Thatcher as the strongest voice in the western alliance

apart from President Reagan emerged yesterday, An analysis of remarks made by the Soviet leader during a meeting with the British Ambassador to Russia. Sir Bryan Cartiedge, produced a sense of confidence and atisfaction in Whitchall. Sir Bryan's report is being

interpreted in these ways:

• Mr Gorbachov is attaching great importance to the Prime Minister's visit in the spring. He has a very high regard for her international status.

 He believes her visit is umely in the disarmament context. Although she has no mandate to negotiate on be-half of the West, she is more able than anyone else to cut through the confusion in the West that has followed Reykjavik.

• He recognizes that her

views have prevailed over President Reagan's on disarmament priorities. The views she hammered home during her Camp David talks with President Reagan in November were endorsed at last week's meeting of Nato for-eign ministers in Brussels. President Reagan has tacitly conceded a wholly different approach to the one he offered

to Mr Gorbachov at Reykjavik. ● Mr Gorbachov likes President Reagan's priorities better than those of Mrs Thatcher, but has taken on board the message that she has proved the authentic voice of the

Four clear points of view

Brezhnev

old guard

removed





Another opening... Two veterans of the world of music, Frank Sinatra, left, and the pianist, Vladimir Horowitz, on stage again at the 95-year-old Carnegie Hall in New York. The hall has been silent for more than eight months during a £35 million renovation.

Hanoi-Peking links sought

From David Watts Tokyo

The Soviet Union used the Vietnamese Communist Party congress yesterday to urge better relations between Hanoi and Peking.

Since the key to better relations lies in a change in the Vietnamese presence in Cambodia, the remarks hy Mr Yegor Ligachev, second only to Mr Gorbachov in the Kremlin, take on added significance when viewed against the background of recent government changes in Cambodia and the fact that the leader of the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot, is now said to be

seriously ill in Peking. With a pat on the back for Hanoi's "sensible and fair

policy" in Cambodia, Mr igachev, who is leading a four-man Soviet delegation. said: "The normalization of relations between Vietnam and China would have a major positive effect on improvimproving the international climate as a whole."

Last week, in an important shake-up of the Government in Phnom Penh, the Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen, was stripped of his party and foreign affairs portfolios and the Ministers of Defence and Planning were replaced.

The new Foreign Minister, Mr Kong Korm, who spent some time in the United States, mighl well prove the instrument of a fresh approach in foreign affairs.

But Mr Ligachev did not say how Vietnam might set about improving its contacts with Peking, saying only that Soviet efforts to improve rela-tions would not harm Viernam. "As 10 Soviet-Chinese relations, we have favoured and favour the development of good-neighbourly relations with the People's Republic of China on a principled basis, without damage to the in-

terests of other countries." Mr Ligachev also referred to what the Soviet Union feels is Victnamese waste of re-sources. "We are satisfied that our co-operation with Vietnam is moving toward more realistic ground, taking into consideration the real needs and possibilities of the Vietnamese economy," he said.

Belgian deal gives Renault new chief

From Diana Geddes Paris

M Raymond Levy, aged 59, was yesterday appointed head of Renault, the state-owned car company, to succeed M Georges Besse.

He was released by the Belgian Government from a five-year contract as head of the Belgian steel group, Coc-kerill Sambre. Renault, the largest French industrial concern outside the French oil companies, has been withoul a head since M Besse was killed by terrorists outside his Paris

home four weeks ago.
Negotiations with the Belgian Government for M Lévy's release were long and dif-ficult and were completed only after M Jacques Chirac. the French Prime Minister. intervened last weekend. Both sides have denied reports Paris made "concessions".

M Lévy's appointment is due to be confirmed at 10day's Cabinet meeting, after his formal election to the presidency of Renault by a special meeting of the company's board of directors vesterday.

Like M Besse, M Lévy is a graduate of the elite Ecole Polytéchnique and of the Ecole des Mines.

After a short spell in the coal mines of northern France, he quickly moved into oil. becoming head of Elf-France in 1975 and vice-president of Elf-Aquitaine in 1976. In 1982 he was appointed head of the newly nationalized Usinor steel group, but his two-year contract was not renewed in

© Employers' chief: M Fran-cois Périgot, aged 60, the head of Unilever France, was elected president of the main French employers' union, the CNPF, yesterday to succeed M Yvon Gattaz, who had decided not to run again after the end of his five-year term.

Last of the

compromising the British and

The disagreement is on the conditions: Moscow insisting that the five-year project should be part of a 10-year

plan, while the West wants to

take it step by step.

• Mr Gorbachov is firmly

sticking to his vision that all

nuclear weapons should be eli-minated at the end of 10 years.

In his meeting with Sir Bryan he again stressed that there should be no dilution of this

vision — meaning no attempt to exclude Washington's

Strategic Defence Initiative.

President Reagan's propos-

al for elimination of all ballis-tic missiles at the end of 10

years was the major point of

contention with the European

allies. It was Mrs Thatcher

who impressed on him Euro-pean fears that this would

leave Western Europe danger-

ously exposed to Moscow's

superior conventional forces.

• The essence of the new

priorities agreed at Camp David and endorsed by Nato was to treat the first half of the plan as an end itself, setting talk of the second five-year

plan on one side for the time

French deterrents.

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yes-terday further consolidated his dominance in the Kremlin-when Mr Dinmukhamed Kunavey, one of the last remaining members of the Brezhnev "old guard" still serving in the his post as Communist Party leader in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, the second largest of the Soviet

A Tass announcement said that Mr Kunayev, aged 74, had sought retirement, but made none of the flattering remarks normally associated with such a move.

It reported that he had been replaced by Mr Gennady Kolbin, aged 59, a noted Gorbachov loyalist and Russian national who has been prominent in the anti-vodka campaign.
Although Mr Kunayev re-

mains in the Politburo temporarily, he is expected to be removed at the next plenary meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee, which is expected soon.

The sudden end to his long career appears to have been accelerated by a number of recent corruption scandals in the republic, where he has held power since 1964.

Yesterday's move is seen as a significant pointer to Mr Gorbachov's progress in con-solidating his control at the centre of the Soviet Government machine at a time when his ambitious reform pro-gramme has been running into resistance at the middle-level

of party bureaucracy.
Some Western analysts had expected Mr Kunayev, a long-time ally of the late Leonid Brezhnev, to be dismissed at the party's 27th Congress in

Mr Kunayev's survival then

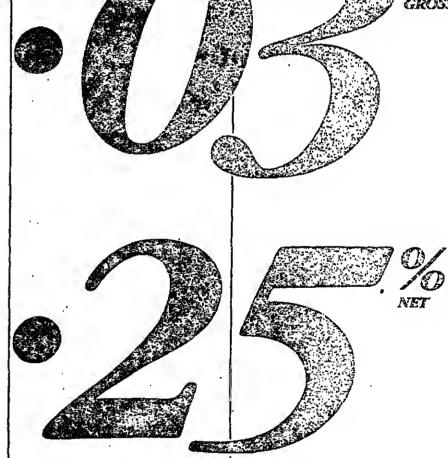
the same time on December was taken as evidence that Mr 26, to mark the end of the 10-Gorbachov had still not achieved a completely domi-nant position in the Politburo. Township residents were asked to put out electric lights His replacement by a man between 7 and 9 pm yesterday so obviously in the Gorbaand on December 24, and to chov mould has raised a new put lighted candles in their question mark over the future windows. There is still no of the other veteran Brezhnev associate still inside the 12clear picture of the response to man Politburo, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, aged 68, the leader of the Ukrainian Comthe campaign, but sources m Soweto said that the tolling of church bells did not appear to munist Party.

have taken place. Mandela meeting: Mr Ko-Western observers believe bie Coetsee, the South African that he is likely to be replaced Minister of Justice, has dissoon by a younger man. closed that be has met the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson



Mr Knnayev: Kazakhstan party boss since 1964.





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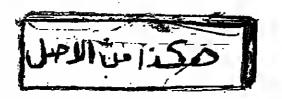
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Walker will be the first Western minister to inspect Chernobyl site

From Christopher Walker, Kiev

due today to become the first zone around it on a huge de-important Western politician contamination operation. permitted to visit the site of the Chemobyl nuclear disaster in a move the Kremlin hopes will help convince the world that it has successfully sealed the reactor which exploded on

A senior British official told The Times that Mr Walker is flying the 80 miles from Kiev to the power station by Soviet helicopter and is later return-ing to Moscow to give a press conference. The visit has been arranged under the Anglo-Soviet energy agreement which was signed shortly before the disaster.

Pravda yesterday carried a front-page editorial claiming that the giant concrete structure encasing the reactor was operational and the number four reactor had ceased to be the source of radioactive contamination of the en-

The official Communist Party newspaper said: "The unique structure, designed by Soviet scientists and engineers, is complete with all the necessary equipment, diagnostic and checking facilities. About 300,000 cubic metres (392,000 cuhic yards) of concrete and 6,000 tons of metal constructions have been laid into the 'sarcophagus'."

Although Soviet authorities have refused to lift the 71/2month-old ban preventing Western newsmen from visiting the scene of the accident, it has been possible to piece together a picture of the conditions Mr Walker will find there from interviews with officials and Soviet staff

eral thousand conscripted sol- current workforce were work-

Mr Peter Walker, the Sec- diers are working at the plant ing at Chernobyl at the time of retary of State for Energy, is and the 18-mile-wide "dead

the accident, but none of the

firemen who fought the blaze has been asked to return.

All the staff change into

white protective coats and

Mr Gennady Dik, a senior engineer who commutes be-tween Chernobyl and a new

flat in Kiev - one of 8,000

homes in the city allocated to Chernobyl evacuees - ap-

peared convinced that working at the station posed no

two to three times their nor-

His neighbour, Mr Lenid Vodalasko, aged 44, a shift supervisor who has worked at

wartime spirit" among those

Neither of them was pre-

pared to discuss the work of

the military de-contamination

squads, which remain the

most controversial element in

the clean-up exercise. Western

experts predict that some of

those involved could face

contamination has been car-

ried out in 500 populated

places inside the "dead zone" and in 60,000 buildings there.

Dozens of dykes have been

constructed to try to protect

water sources and these could

winter snows melt next spring.

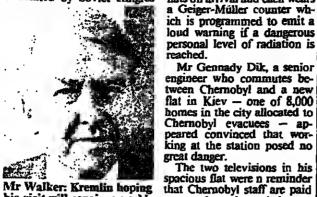
Recent figures show that de-

long-term health hazards.

employed there.

mal wages as an incentive.

Although officials acknowledge that there has been some discontent among those in-volved (particularly a unit from the Baltic republic of Estonia), they deny reports circulated by Soviet emigrés



his visit will convince world. that soldiers are sent there as punishment

A senior Estonian official said recently: "Perhaps a man who had two children and has the Ukrainian plant since 1975, said that there was "a a third on the way would ask and be given permission to return home. But that is the extent of the discontent.

"I can assure you that there has been no mutiny or execution of soldiers as claimed by some irresponsible sources in the West

In addition to the soldiers, whose units are rotated on a regular basis to prevent individuals suffering dangerous levels of radiation, more than 700 Soviet experts and workers are voluntarily manning the plant where two of the four 1,000-megawatt reactors are back in operation.

According to Soviet figures, Soviet sources say that sev- about 80 per cent of the

Karachi death toll reaches 140 as ethnic violence continues



A pall of smoke hanging over two blazing railway carriages near Karachi after they were set on fire by rioters during three days of unrest in Pakistan.

Inflation threatens reforms in Israel

The spectre of hyper-inflation has risen to haunt the Israeli Government at the very moment negotiations to bring in wide ranging reforms of the taxation system and capital market have become danrerously bogged down.

At the same time, both unions and management are refusing to accept further austerity measures needed to cut the annual state budget by 500 million shekels (about £250 million).

The gloomy economic pic-ture is causing serious strains inside the National Unity Government, which is strug-gling to put together a second-stage economic plan to take over from the one introduced in July of last year. That succeeded in bringing down inflation from about 450 per

cent n year to about 20 per

The inflation rate for last month shows an increase of 2.9 per cent, nearly 1 per cent higher than the economic planners had hoped for. This is the third consecutive monthly rise and means that the index since the beginning of the year has gone up by 17.9 per cent already and hy more than 7 per cent in the last three months.

Mr Moshe Nissim, the Finance Minister, has been trying to introduce a series of reforms to honour a promise to the US Treasury to liberalize the economy and encourage

private investment. This essentially means a reform of the taxation system. which soaks up about 60 per

been the centre of clashes for From A Correspondent Karachi the past three days.

The death toll rose to 140 in Karachi yesterday as violence continued on the third day of the worst ethnic riots seen

Thirteen bullet-riddled and charred bodies were brought to city hospitals yesterday morning as a result of the current wave of ethnic violence between Pashtuns from Pakistan's North West Fron-tier Province and the Urduspeaking Mohajirs (refugees) which broke out on Sunday.

More than 50 people were killed in similar clashes in the port city last month. Most of the dead were from the Orangi town area, where more than 70 people have been killed since Sunday.

The city was deserted as public transport remained off the roads and industrial, com-

mercial and financial centres were closed. Senior police confirmed exchanges of fire between patrolling troops and unknown

persons in Qasba colony, near

Orangi township, which has

A hill beside the Qasba colony, where Pashtun rioters were firing on Biharis, was taken by troops late on Mon-

President Ershad of Bangladesh yesterday set free more than 2,500 political prisoners in n new truce offer to the opposition which has been calling for his removal (Ah-med Fazl writes from Dhaka). However, the authorities bave refused to pardon three members of the Awami League

who are sentenced to death for rebellion against the army 11 years ago, before President Ershad came to power. day night after a fierce clash

with the occupants. Officials said the operation started at 8 pm on Monday. The exchange continued for

several hours and troops cap-tured the hill at midnight. The Qasba colony and adjacent Orangi town area was put under curfew on Sunday

night after clashes between

Pashtuns and Urdu-speaking

Biharis, migrants from Bangladesh, which left 50 dead and more than 200 injured. Seventy were killed and several hundred injured in

bloody clashes on Monday Shops, houses, commercial premises and three railway stations were set on fire during day-long rioting on the second day of the fresh ethnic clashes. which were triggered off as reaction to an army operation against drug dealers in the Sohrab Goth district, a predominantly Pashtun and Af-

ghan area.

The Pashtuns, armed with automatic rifles, went on a killing rampage in Orangi town, which has been the centre of ethnic clashes for the

The most violent incident took place yesterday in Shah Faisal colony, in the eastern district of Karachi, where two people were hurnt to death and three were shot dead.

The trouble started when private minibus operators tried to force people to close shops. One person was burnt to death in Malir, a suburb of

New leader promises 'breath of fresh air'

Trinidad and Tobago shocks itself with poll landslide

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

ruling party, but threw the Prime Minister and most of his Cahinet out of their seats. Even the new Prime Minister, Mr A N R Robinson, and accountability. seemed amazed at the size of The National Al

his victory as he declared that he would give Trinidad and

Tobago "a hreath of fresh air and a fresh start". The PNM now faces a massive task of rehuilding. Only two ministers survived the massacre: Mr Patrick Manning, who had been Energy Minister, and Mrs Muriel Donawa-McDavidson, the Mioister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, one of whom

shall, head of the PNM's

Behind the jubilation of Chambers was unexpected crusade against corruption, Monday night there was a He was decisively beaten in financial waste, inefficiency, Monday night there was a sense of astonishment and even alarm at the hravado which not only inflicted a crushing 33-3 defeat on the ruling party, but threw the in Port of Spain to protest ator Myers's fast, and the against the Government's failure to deal with corruption

The National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR), which forms the new Government. emerged only last February from the existing main op-position groups, which had inflicted defeats on the PNM in 1983 and in elections to the Tobago House of Assembly in 1980 and 1984. Their fusion into one party provided Trini-dad and Tobago with the plausible alternative to the

Trinidad and Tobago star-tled itself with the vehemence of Monday's revolt against the comer was Mr Morris Mar-divisions. People's National Movement (PNM), the party which had governed for 30 years.

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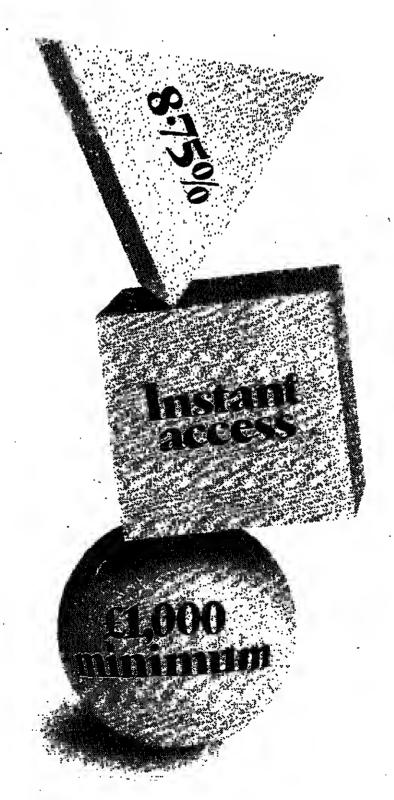
defection from the PNM of a former Attorney-General who had made a reputation for fighting corruption, Mr Schwyn Richardson, focused

these concerns. As the oil-based economy began to contract sharply in the aftermath of the 1974-83 oil boom and this year's fall in oil prices, unemployment became an urgent issue, with the NAR claiming that over 100,000 people in a labour force of 460,000 were without

The NAR has a 29-point Immediate Action Plan which includes the introduction of legislation to curb corruption, the streamlining of the public service, decentralization of government power and a rapprochement with the private sector. It favours an expansionary policy to stimulate employment, and says it will put new emphasis on investment and savings. It has promised immediate tax relief for low-paid workers.

Internationally, the NAR will maintain close relations with Britain and the United States, while putting stronger emphasis on Caribbean co-operation, contacts with neighbouring Venezuela, and relations with other developing countries. It will offer dual citizenship to nationals. The strained relations between Tobago and Trinidad are likely be healed under a Tobagonian Prime Minister, and the NAR has promised major development work in Tohago, the largely neglected centre of the nation's tourism.

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Sneer at village backfires

Port of Spain — Mr Arthur Raymond Napoleon Robinson has been leading the popularity ratings in Trinidad and Tohago for months (Jeremy Taylor writes). In a poli published a week before Monday's election, 45 per cent of respondents rated him the best choice for Prime Minister out of a field of eight. The then Prime Minister, Mr George Chambers, ran a poor second with 18 per cent.

Mr Arthur Robinson, Trinidad and Tobago's new Prime

Mr Robinson comes across as shy and diffident, but he is perceived as houest and sincere and speaks with vehemence when his principles are engaged. He has a strong moralistic streak and argued repeatedly that Trinidad and Tobago was experiencing spiritual rebirth. "My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of a new age," he told one rally.

He was born in the village of Calder Hail in Tobago in 1926 - yesterday was his 60th birthday. Mr Chambers's libe that the village could never produce a Prime Minister was one of several sneers that backfired on the People's National Movement (PNM). Mr Robinson studied at St John's College, Oxford, and at

the Inner Temple in London. When he returned to Trinidad !" young barrister, he came under the influence of Dr Eric Williams, who was preparing to launch the PNM as a new nationalist force which would win self-rule and later independence from Britain. Mr Robinson became a founder member of the PNM and entered Parliament as an MP for Tobago in 1961 and served under Dr Williams as Finance and Foreign Minister.

Trinidad's black power upheaval in 1970 came close to toppling the Williams government, and disagreement over the handling of the affair led to Mr Robinson's resignation from the government and the party. He formed the Action Committee of Democratic Citizens, which took part in a boycott of the 1971 election to protest at the use of voting machines

and the lowering of the voting age.

Later he launched the Democratic Action
Congress (DAC) which won the two Tohago seats from the PNM in 1976. From then on, Mr Rebinson was perceived as n Tobago leader, and friction between Tobago and the central government in Trinidad grew. Under pressure, Dr Williams set up the Tobago House of Assembly in 1980, and the DAC won majorities there in 1980 and 1984.

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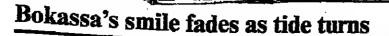
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Court spectators boo as former police chief tries to save own skin

Jean-Bédel Bokassa's for- brass ship's bell before him. mer chief of police ended his day in court facing the prospect of being jailed for perjury

Kazin was giving evidence in the trial of the former Emperor of the Central African Republic, his efforts to save his own skin so enraged about any of the duties norspectators that he was booed and heckled justily.

When the public prosecutor demanded Mr Kazin's immediate detention, the rousing cheers and whistles indicated that he had not been universally popular in his old joh.

The confrontation in the Palais de Justice arose from attempts to establish whether Bokassa could be held responsible for the disappearance and presumed death in 1973 of Mr Alexandre M'Bongo, a minister in his government.

widow Celestine, a large, handsome lady in a dazzling green dress, her husband (who was also Bokassa's cousin) had been seized and thrown into the notorious Ngaraba jail in the capital on suspicion of plotting against the emperor. Standing inches from Bokassa before the bench, Mrs M'Bongo gave a long and emotional account in Sango, the national language, of her desperate efforts to find and save her husband.

She never once looked at Bokassa, standing at attention as usual, occasionally shifting his weight from foot to foot. He appeared to be in a chirpy mood, playing to the gallery with occasional off-hand remarks. On one such occasion, Mr Edouard Frank, the presidFrom Philip Jacobson, Bangui

interrogation that followed Mr

impassive calm, wheeling round in anger when spec-

tators laughed derisively at

something he said. It could not have helped his peace of

mind when one of Mr Frank's

fellow judges could be seen shaking his head in sheer disbelief at the old emperor's

After the first day's hear-

ings, one felt that the defence

was ahead on points. The two maitres representing Bokassa had been confident that it was

going to prove difficult for the

prosecution to produce credible evidence linking their

client directly and mescapably

to the most serious crimes of

But the fight is definitely

going against them now. Bokassa seems to sense this, too. "You've already con-

demned me; give me a last chance to speak," he shouted

after one particularly sharp

clash with the prosecution

Given the special circum-stances of this trial, he might

which he is accused.

For the first time he lost his

Kazin's appearance.

The fur started flying when Mr Kazin, who was barely out of his teens when Bokassa put on a truly epic scale.

At times when Mr Corzon

him in charge of the potook the stand to testify. him in charge of the police,

In his eagerness to distance himself from the M'Bongo affair, he came close to denying that he knew anything mally associated with such an important person. Certainly nothing would induce him to admit the slightest knowledge of or connection with the demise of Mr M'Bongo.

His determination to stay clear of this murky business produced a series of startling contradictions concerning the names, places, dates and events he had only just been giving to the court

The prosecutor could hardf Mr Alexandre M'Bongo, a ly keep his seat; Bokassa's two french lawyers looked incredulous; Mr Frank glowered down from the bench.

Bit by bit, poor Mr Kazin went to pieces. Slowly, the prosecution harried him closer and closer to the point of no retreat. The court was absolutely humming by then and you could hear cheers and laughter from the large crowd istening to the proceedings on radios outside. Suddenly Mr Kazin broke, aided no doubt by an offer of immunity from prosecution.

His memory miraculously restored, he told the court that Bokassa had, in fact, spoken to him about the arrest of Mr

M'Bongo, While all this was happen ing, Bokassa seemed lost in thought, sometimes smiling sardonically at one of his young protege's hlunders. But ing judge, brought him sharply he was noticeably less con-to order with a clang on the fident and assertive during the

Army threat to break Greek refuse strike

threatening to put under military orders the 25,000 refuse collectors and street-sweepers of Athens whose strike, now in its ninth day, has left mounds of rubhish at every corner.

The municipal cleaners are pressing for higher wages and job security, but the socialist Government, defending its strict austerity policy, refusesban on hiring permanent staff. The cleaners' protest is only

one aspect of labour unrest in Greece. Thousands of workers in Athens last night marched to Parliament to protest

The Greek Government is against the ban on pay rises. Demonstrations were also held in Piraeus and Salonika.

> The Government is reluctant to bring in the Army to clear the streets of the capital. Ministers, however, warned union leaders that there is an increasing hazard to public health and they may be forced to mobilize the military.

hordes of alley cats and stray dogs on the piles of black plastic rubbish bags that are now part of the Athenian



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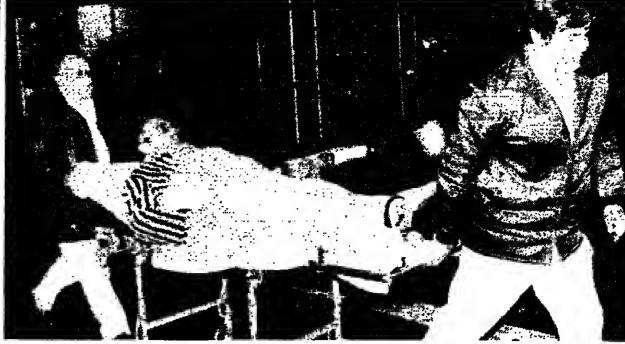
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French firms in Barcelona become target for Eta bombs



One of 24 people injured by a bomb that exploded at the office of a French furniture company in Barcelona being taken on a stretcher for medical treatment. No group claimed responsibility but police blame Eta, the militant Basque separatists.

New Zealand urged to adopt new voting system

From Richard Long

The New Zealand Government has been urged by a royal commission to abandon the first-past-the-post electoral voting system in favour of the system of proportional representation used in West

A royal commission into the electoral system also called for a referendum into extend-

parliamentary term to four years. The number of MPs, it

Mr Geoffrey Palmer, the Deputy Prime Minister, tabling the report in Parliament, commission chairman, said said that the recommenda-tions had to be considered seriously, though it could take New Zealanders some time to get used to the idea. He ruled out a referendum to coincide

ing the present three-year with next year's general election, saying this was too soon. But Mr Jim Bolger, the said, should be increased from leader of the Opposition, spoke against any change to the system.

Mr Justice Wallace, the proportional representation would bring a degree of safeguard and a degree of check on the absolute power of governments in the single-chamber

While the Labour Government of Mr David Lange has a 15-seat majority in the 95-seat Parliament, under a proportional representation vote in the larger assembly, the voting last election would have required a coalition govern-ment. Labour would have won 52 scats, National 44, the New Zealand Party 15 and Social Credit nine, according

to Dr John Darwin, a former

Two bomh attacks or French business interests in Barcelona early yesterday have led Spanish police to believe that Eta's military wing has now taken the large industrial city as its target for protesting against the heightened French collaboration with Madrid over terrorism.

The Basque armed separatist organization, by claiming responsibility last week for an explosion which damaged the premises of one of the principal Citroen dealers in Barcelona, had already made clear its "hint" that the public should boycott French busi-

Five people were still in hospital yesterday with injuries, one of them in a grave condition, after an explosion of damaged the ground-floor showrooms of Roche Bobois, a French modern farniture firm, and flats on the first and

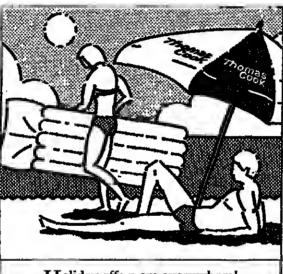
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People were awakened by
the explosion, and some left
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the night in a hotel near by.

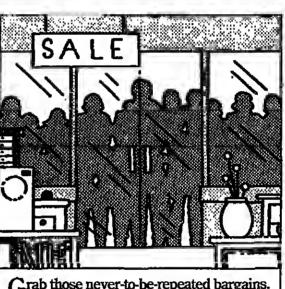
A smaller explosion had earlier started a fire at the offices of Ricard, the French drink concern, in a modern business block, injuring one

"Eta is evidently seeking a new zone in which to operate. Señor Jordi Pujol, the Catalan Chief Minister, com after an inspection of the damage. He said Barcelona offered ideal terrain for

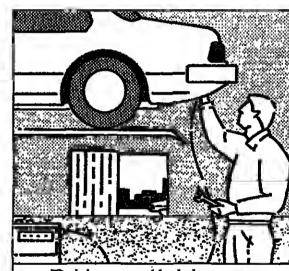
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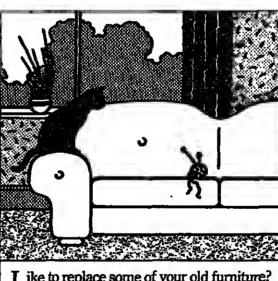
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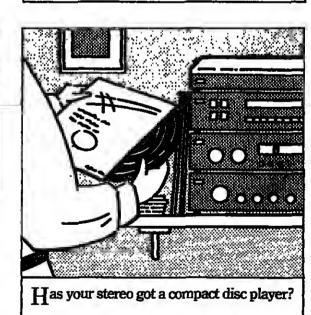
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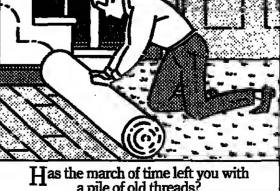
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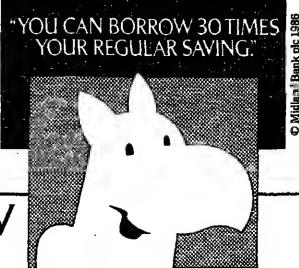


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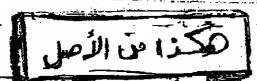
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The MI5 case: a 'pavane' of legal manoeuvring

Judge challenges Whitehall to answers for chance of success

came under sustained pressure yesterday as Mr Justice Powell spelled out what he sees as loopholes in its argument for having Mr Peter Wright's book suppressed.

And in repeatedly challeng-ing the British case, the judge indicated that he expected the Government to try to answer the points he has raised if it is

to have any chance of success. Not for the first time, he questioned the value of the evidence given by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, who he said had been sent out by the Government as a witness to be crossexamined, but not to admit too much", and warned that these tactics might be counter-

"If that is the way the plaintiff chooses to run the case, so be it. It takes the penalties, as well as taking the

He said he intended no disrespect to Sir Robert, who he believed had given evability. The fault lay with those who had set up Sir Robert as the Government's main witness, when "he did not have the capacity to

For the second successive provide me with good, hard, day, Whitehall's final sub-missions in the MI5 book trial

The judge referred disparag-

ingly to the Government's latest amendment to its pleadings as "a pavane" of continuing legal manoeuvring.
Most of his remarks, how-

ever, were centred on the fact that the Government had done nothing to stop publica-tion of previous books and television programmes which contained similar material to

Mr Wright's book.

The "ultimate question", be said, might be whether Whitehall — by failing to try to suppress publication in those cases, although there had been adequate time — had abandoned or surrendered the defence that such material was protected by a duty of confidentiality.

Mr Theo Simos, QC, appearing for the Government, held to the position that it could not be argued that, if the Government had acquiesced in previous publications, it was disqualified from an injunction in the case of Mr Wright, who was distinguished by being an insider in the intelligence community. Mr Simos took issue specific points raised by Mr Wright. The view in his

manuscript that Sir Roger Hollis, the former head of



ent, was a personal one. ults of two internal investigations, and a review by Mr. Simos said that,

Wright had not been able to make his point. Why then, Mr Simos asked, should he be

To that the judge responded that, if the British Govern-ment had instituted an inquiry into MI5 along the lines of the the Australian security ser- given.

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"no justification for allowing (Mr Wright) to rabbit

on incessantly". Mr Simos said their was no evidence to support the suggestion that there had been a conspiracy involving Lord Rothschild and the Government to get Mr Chapman Pincher's book, Their Trade Is Treachery, published.
Mr Wright in his evidence

had spoken of his belief that Lord Rothschild had en-couraged him to speak to Mr Pincher "with some degree of official approval".

The substance of this evidence was no more than speculation. Mr Simos said, ind it threw up inconsistencies as well.

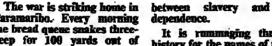
"If publication (of the Pincher book) had been authorized by the authorities' for the purpose of protecting Lord Rothschild from rumours that he was the fifth man) by suggesting that Sir Roger Hollis was a Russian agent, it would have been pointless (for Mrs Thatcher) House that differed from that

Mr Simos added that Mr Wright's evidence that he been "terrified of getting into trouble" and had corre-sponded with Mr Pincher using pseudonyms, did not square with his view that Mr Pincher's book had been

Mr Justice Powell replied that, while he might not accept the idea of "a conspiracy involving Lord Rothschild and the British establishment", he might still be able to accept that the imprimatur of Government was sought and could be held to have been

Surinam looks for heroes as it feels bite of rebel war

The US First Lady, Mrs Nancy Reagan, sitting on the White House floor with children of the Washington diplomatic corps to watch entertainers at a Christmas party she hosted.



Paramaribo. Every morning the bread queue snakes three-deep for 100 yards out of Fernandes's bakery and by 8 am there is nothing left. It is rummaging through history for the names of those who fought the slave masters and colonial rulers. There is a Elsewhere, in this palm-shaded little town, there are milk queues and each day strong anti-Dutch hint in the proceedings. It is also busy creating a language that Suricrowds of people go away disappointed. In the super-markets half the shelves are A battalion of French Marines stationed in French Guiana has been deployed along the bare. There is beef but no chicken. Clothes come cheaper in Macy's of Manhattan, and

prices continue to spiral. People grumble, but can-ously; the militia is everywhere, informing on people who criticize the military regime. The wrong word can put you in prison for 24 hours, or worse. Soldiers are not heavily in evidence but their presence

s felt everywhere. tomed to privation. Under Dutch rule, which ended in 1975, Surmam was comparatively prosperous. Since independence 180,000 people have left for The Netherlands modified and that meanwhile French Guisna, which continwally has to expand its refugee

> Amid all this turnoil and mounting panic, the Gov-ernment is searching for the

New words are constantly. invented to enhance the vocabulary of a local dialect.

suspected that at the very least

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nam can call its own, with the

ultimate aim of ending Dutch

as the official language.

were in Surinam.

encouraged to converse in this strange tongue which mixes Chinese, English, Dutch, na-tive Indian and an array of

It is not an easy task to forge a single national identity out of such an amazingly diverse people. In Paramaribo you see Chinese dancing the Carib-bean salsa, blacks and Indonesians eating Indian curry, and Javanese in sarongs can be seen floating down the street arm in arm with Euro-

pean boyfriends. Lieutenant-Colonel Deysi Booterse, the military strong man, usually speaks "taki taki" when he addresses this border with Surinam to cope bewildering array of people. It is mostly the language of the bush Negroes, descendants of runaway black slaves. It is not with the influx of refugees and stop armed elements crossing (Nicholas Beeston writes). Sources at the Ministry of Defence in Paris confirmed a a derogatory term: they are a proud and individualistic peo-ple who live an African way of eport in The Times yesterday that Libyan troops were in Surman to support Colonel life in thatched huts in jungle villages with a chief and a Bouterse against the growing rebel insurgency. The ministry

The Government is delving into the history of these remote people and many are being elevated to national hero

Strict hierarchy.

board official, who added the ducks were not a her hazard.

Axe revenge status. Legends are being cre-

Mr Rouny Bronswijk, the rebels' leader, went home to his Negro village when he left the Army 18 months ago. Recently soldiers turned up in mus village and asked the chief the shop.

The term comes from the trained him, you find him, he way people say "talk talk".

Government employees are encouraged to converse in this



Delhi - The Unioo Carbide Bhopal District Court that the Indian Government's claim for \$3.2 million (£2.2 million) compensation for the gas tragedy io 1984 was not maintainable" as it was based on vague charges (Kuldin Nayar writes).

The company said the Bhopal plant was run by an Indian company — Union Carbide India Limited — with the full knowledge and approval of the Indian Government and the leakage was a result of a "deliberate act" of someone and not due to any negligence or fault in the process. Two thousand people were killed and another 2,000 injured. Union Carbide had offered \$350 million as an out of court settlement when the suit was pending before an American court. The Indian Government was said to have been ready at that time for a settlement of about \$650

The American court sub-sequently held that the case should be tried in India and Union Carbide agreed to abide by its decision.

Pilot error

East Berlin (Reuter) - East Germany announced that pi-lot error caused Friday's Soviet airliner crash which killed 70 people, including 19 school children.

Better links

Cairo (Reuter) - Egypt and Israel have agreed to improve telephone links and discuss ways to avoid radio and television jamming.

Welcome tour

Istanbul (Reuter) - World champion weightlifter Naim Suleymanoglu, who defected from Bulgaria to Turkey last week, received a warm welcome in Istanbul yesterday as he cootinued a 10-day tour of his new country.

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fore. But others claim that in effect it came into force only with his Sunday-night sigdition treaty with the United States, specifically designed to bring international drug racknature, the Supreme Court decision having rendered previous extraditions under the treaty unconstitutional.

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The Supreme Court's de- | facilities. world's cocaine trade. US drug enforcement agents believe.

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Jacobson's "Dance of the Stars", were excellent, but the slow music, partly for being so

square, lacked the grandeur that alone can justify it, and

the ecstasies were equally

unmotivated. A performance

that leaves one outside, as an

inspector, also places the

music's vulgarity in an

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a work that requires to be

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Stravinsky's Concerto, how-ever, just needs hrilliant play-

ing, which here it had;

inspection is its preferred mode of response. The dead-pan style of this performance

reflected the severe stillness that lies behind so much

hectic yet arbitrary activity,

and froze the delicacy of the nocturne quite properly into a

John Casken's new Sala-

mandra perhaps has fewer difficulties of attitude hut not

fewer of technique, for it is a

the igneous music of Scriabin than of Wagner, flaring in

hursts of arpeggiation around fragments of melody that glow

minimally in the central slow

section, and hurning itself out memorably in flickers on a

rising scale. It certainly proves the medium is still alive to

creative imagination.

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Yesterday marked the quarter-centenary of the African National Congress's first bom-bing campaign, in 1961; that in turn was the 123rd anniversary of the battle of Blood River, where the trekkers killed 3,000 attacking Zuins. With such sorry milestones is the path of race hatred paced out and consecrated.

TELEVISION

Apartheid (Granada) is a bold, ambitious, archive-plundering stah at n definitive account of the processes that have led up to South Africa's Current agony. Straddling News at Ten, the first two parts showed that not even four hours spread over two nights are enough to do the subject

It is, for example, an article of the Afrikaner faith - taught at school as an incontrovertible dictum - that the white man could not have "stnlen" a largely uninhabited country. This truth is economical, but the first part's tight schedule restricted the contrary ev-

idence to n single still of n lifth-century sculpture.

If the early history of the white tribe was sketchy, the crucial relations between British and Dutch were presented with admirable clarity. The key to the mentality of apartheid is the sense of inferiority felt by the second-class, who proceeded to take out their

grievances on the third-class. This was a legacy of Empire, and last night the by now familiar stills of concentration camp victims indicted the Britain of Milner and Kitchener. We, now sans teeth, looked down from our moral high ground. Dr Verwoerd was a smiling pig leading the chosen people steadfastly into the 19th century.

But perhaps the ghastly bad joke that is apartheid does need only a sentence or two to convey. A veteran of El Ala-mein recalled, at the height of the battle, putting in a request for a rifle. As a black, he was officially a non-combatant. "Yes, you can have a gun", conceded his officer, "but providing you don't shoot any of the white people." For many Afrikaners "our enemy's en-emy was our friend" — the Broederbond's Nazi connections got off lightly here — and from that contagion the mod-the first-act finale. The action

* Forward Revival of pre-war innocence



Partnership full of surprises: Daniel Webb with Margaret Tyzack (photograph by Donald Cooper)

THEATRE

Night Must Fall Greenwich

Apart from giving the killer a four-letter last word and slicing 10 minutes out of the playing time, Emlyn Williams has resisted any inch to tinker with the text of this fiftiethanniversary revival of his first hit.

Here we are, back in Mrs Bramson's woodland bungalow with a uniformed staff of three attending on the querulous invalid. When the law arrives it is in the person of a pipe-smoking inspector who adresses the suspect as "old chap". As for Mrs Bramson's niece, Olivia, as a would-be poet naturally she cannot take a joh and has to settle for life as a long-suffering companion to the selfish old woman.

True, she does have her tweedy suitor, Hubert, who seems to have taken up residence in the bungalow, slumped in an armchair reading out newspaper headlines and occasionally bestirring himself into declarations like "although I'm not one of your intellectuals, I am straight". It is the world of the prewar West End in all its innocence.

The question this prompts is whether Williams was simply falling in with the stage conventions of the 1930s, or whether he was taking a rise out of them, just as his hero Dan (another Welsh nobody) was taking a rise out of the Essex rich. Beginning with a sinister disappearance, and featuring a headless body and a

night closes in on a second murder, the play is certainly a thriller. But it is the kind of thriller a murderer might have written for his victims' entertainment.

For a start, the household is made up of people who like a good murder, and then find themselves changed from spectators to participants. Again, the murderer is an entertainer who breezes into their dull company like a conjurer at n children's party. Indeed, no sooner has Olivia recognized him than she changes from an interrogator into a besotted accomplice: an artistic type falling for the real thing. It is a teasingly amhivalent piece with strong undertones of class vengeance, and the

nonon of the criminal as a star actor. In John Dove's excellent production the main horrors reside in small physical details from which you can construct the image of a high-heeled shoe projecting from a ruhbish-tip or a head glued into a hat-box. The sight of Margaret Tyzack, left alone, magisterially arising from her wheelchair is a moment of authentic Guignol.

Miss Tyzack could have done more to arouse the loathing of the household; what she does present is a wickedly accurate portrait of a selfish old lady, very genial as long as she is the centre of attention, and quite terrifying when she is gripped by terror. Her maternal partnership with Daniel Webb - who plays Dan as a light-footed, charming factorum with eyes like flint - lifts their scenes right out of period and continually takes you by surprise even though you know precisely where they are going.

Irving Wardle

CONCERTS

Jacobson/Ball Wigmore Hall

Julian Jacobson and Andrew Ball, as duo pianists of the 20th century, have an abundant repertory at their disposal: the extraordinary fav-ouring of this medium since Debussy has possibly had something to do with its fusion of two personalities, and therefore its comparatively anonymous profile, its dispassionate stance. But al-though this is partly a matter of strict rhythmic discipline. since no other medium is less tolerant of imprecision, it helps if there is a strong tension in the accord, as there is with these musicians.

They are a real yin-yang pair, Mr Jacobson robust and determined where Mr Ball will tend to be contemplative or fantastical. Their common ground lies in clear-headed musicianship and a feeling, again very necessary in this repertory, for the piano as a percussion instrument with an immense range of colour.

One might have thought that Messiaen's Visions de Amen would suit their talents admirably, but in fact this was the weakest part of their recital. The more dynamically

ugh a huge symphony is a test

of will, and in this husiness

their defiance (I write meta-

phorically, of course). As lis-

teners we respond in a parallel, though more passive,

fashion: we are mesmerized and thrilled, or we resist to the

point of intellectual fury.
It is quite possible to

bounce from one extreme to

another. In this performance

of Mahler's Fifth Sympbony,

for instance, one could easily

be repelled by Solti's tense,

mean and literal way with the

first two movements. Mah-ler's slenderest dynamic mark-

ings were turned ioto major

sonic events; the ensemble

was often messy; the Funeral March lurched without dig-

nity. Yet one could as easily be

is significant to one's under-

standing of Solti) posing considerable problems for

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Paul Griffiths

In the Scherzo some quite outstanding horn-playing led off a dance that was paced steadily and delineated superbly. The Adagietto found the London Philharmonic's You cannot really remain strings in silkily responsive aloof from Sir Georg Solu's form, and Solti milked the interpretations. Steering an sound most unashamedly.
Those who expected someorchestra unanimously thro-

thing hot-blooded and intensely Hungarian to be made of Bartók's Third Piano Con-Solti is a strong-man among the strong. Orchestral players yield to his view, or perish in certo, with Solti conducting and Andras Schiff the soloist, might have been disappointed by this energetic but emotionally rather cool performance. Nevertheless there was a hard, glittering clarity about Schiff's timbre that suited the work's outer movements at least - and also displayed to good advantage the tonal distinction of the pianos independently designed by the Italian pianist Paolo Fazioli. It was the Fazioli instrument's concert début in Britain.

Richard Morrison

 The Menotti double bill at Sadler's Wells, reviewed by Hilary Fincb on Monday's Arts Page, was produced by the composer assisted by Michael Rennison, and designed by John Pascoe. Our picture showed John Dobson with James Rainbird. Errors and omissions are regretted.

Well-dressed, but vacuous

Smile Lunt-Fontanne, New York

The first-act finale of Smile is a sparkling spoof of the talent competitions most American beauty pageants include to assuage our nation's puritanical conscience about ogling pretty young girls. Tap dancer. ventriloquist, soul singer, ba-ton-twirler, musical cooking demonstrator and dramatic reader-cum-stripteaser perform, culminating with contestants in bot pink satiu shorts spangled with stars forming a high-kicking line.

If only the number were representative of the whole show. Smile might be the big American musical hit people here have been praying for. It is not, bowever - not even in plods on to show the effect of the talent competition on the contestants, and a cynical Martin Cropper promoter overriding an unjust salary decision, rationalizing: "It takes a lot of money to do our wonderful and worthwhile work. After all, charity is a

The composer Marvin Hamlisch and the bookwriter/lyricist/director Howard Ashman do not know when they are ahead. These previously astute gentlemen (Hamlisch composed A Chorus Line and They're Playing Our Song, not to mention the music for such films as The Way We Were; Ashman cre-ated Little Shop of Horrors) have failed to find a focus and tone for Smile.

The show, about the California state finals in the teenage Young American Miss pageant, is based on an amus-ing 1975 film which was sharp and bitchy about the subject of beauty contests. The musical tries to have both sentiment and spoof and ends up with the first runner-up, who has previously sung an ode to Disneyland while a star usually connoting the Nativity hovers in the background, following the same star to another of the contests the cupidity and stupidity of which have just been demonstrated.

There are numerous plot strands - the contest coordinator who wants a job with the national pageant, her husband who wants the contest to remain honest, their mischievous son whose secret nude photography of contes-tants causes a mini-scandal, the innocent contestant who represents the pageant's pro-fessed ideals, her unscru-pulous rival, the ever-hopeful also-ran - but there is no point of view. The show tries to balance the "win at any cost" and "it's not whether you win or lose but bow you play the game" values at odds in American culture. "I think the most important thing in and the performances only contestant gushes, "so I want



tion from a gaffe by asking it to applaud the ideals the gaffe

has exposed as tarnished. With oo central focus or tone, there is no reason to care what happens from one moment to the next. Hamlisch's music is unmemorable even as it is being played, Ashman's lyrics are merely serviceable O'Gorman's amiable, scruffy of musical theatre. choreographer).

Douglas W. Schmidt's sce-

the contest audience's atten- hot pink and turquoise, are pretty, as are Paul Gallo's lighting and William Ivey Long's costumes, which vary from athletic attire to Victorian gowns and parasols. May Kyte's aerobic-style dancing is lively, and the production is attractive to look at and polished. These entranced by his handling of are small consolations for the vacuous nature of the show, both of them (and perhaps this

Holly Hill | considerable problem players and conductor.

distillery in America. The other is the unique whiskey that's produced here, Jack Daniel's. It's always been distilled here, and only ever here. And it's been a way of life for over 100 years. So no wonder people call it good ol' Tennessee sippin' whiskey.

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or the second year running Bob Crowley was nominated for the Laurence Olivier Designer of the Year Award, this time notably for his work on the RSC's Les Liaisons dangereuses, and for the second year running he lost out to William Dudley. Crowley remains relaxed about it, knowing that the nomination is an accolnde in itself and secure in the quality of his work on Christopher Hampton's award-winning play. Only his 1985 set for Love's Labours Lost, with its forest of flower-like parasols, has received more extravagant

Les Liaisons dangereuses was originally put on in Stratford, at the Other Place, which Crowley describes as "a tin shed in a car-park, where you have a floor and a back wall and a very limited budget with which to create another world, another century, another society". His elegantly simple solution was to dress both set and characters in white ("all those hot passions dressed in cool clothes") and to provide a meandering, assymetrical set furnished with enough slatted screens and negligently-draped daybeds to allow any number of louche assignations in and around aristocratic 18th-cen-

Born in Cork 34 years ago. Crowley spent two years at the antiquated Crawford Municipal Academy of Fine Art there, learning what he did not

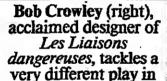
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dangereuses, tackles a very different play in A Penny for a Song, which opens at the Barbican tonight: interview by Anne Campbell Dixon

Filling. in the blanks

want to do (Classical Drawing), before he enjoyed a scholarship year discovering his "real purpose" under the tutelage of Nat Brenner at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. His star has been rising in the English theatre ever since. Aside from an unhurried friendliness and n gentle hrogue, the main inher-itance of his Irishness is his love of the English language—
this despite, or he would say
because of, his being educated
at a strictly Gaelic-speaking
school. He subscribes to Michael MacLiammoir's theory that the Irish use English so well because they are always

well because they are always translating, consciously or unconsciously, from the Gaelic. His "hlack box" set for Stratford's Macbeth, which will reach London next year, has been knocked as well as praised for its minimalism. Crowley is gently nuzzled by Crowley is gently puzzled by the criticism, laughs and asks: "Should I have put in lots of climbing ivy and castellated walls, and made it look like a





British Rail Getaway Weekend to Dunsinane Castle? Actually, I think it's quite a hiteral set, there are huge staircases leading to real rooms, the design has a physical logic to it, it doesn't have arbitrary images for the sake of it. It's not naturalistic, that's true, no 12th-century breeze-blocks!"

he set is modern, but the costumes are Jacobean. Crowley likes mixing the two, and thinks "it's mar-vellous to surround the faces in a black world with white ruffs and collars, so that the face is suspended, almost Billie Whitelaw in Samuel Beckett". While describing Macbeth as the "least decorated" thing he has done, he admits that he does not go in much for decoration

anyway.
"I like to be visually stimulated by a set, but I also like some of the pieces of the jigsaw to be left out. To me, the pieces of the jigsaw to be left out. To me, the most beautiful thing on stage is space, you see, and I don't like a lot of clutter getting in the way. That's is the purer the language is. and ultimately the language is what we're here to serve. If

still think the most beautiful ing the prospect.

thing is to hear the words first, and not to be told how you're meant to hear them. Shakespeare's images are always going to win really."

Crowley is an associate designer of the RSC, which

to be a model and help the

mentally retarded." There is

means that he does a certain amount of work for them each year and is then free for other projects. To begin with, he visualized doing three or four visualized doing three or four productions a year, but in 1986 has designed a grand and exhausting total of six RSC plays: Les Liaisons dangereuses, Flight, Two Noble Kinsmen, Macbeth, Principia Scriptoriae and his current project, John Whiting's A Penny for a Song, which opens at the Barbican tonight.

"It's not really my sort of play; I like to work from a completely imaginary blank space. I kept saying to the director, Howard Davies, I'm play, it's got to have houses and trees - remember, I'm the man who designed As You Like It without putting a tree on the stage. But I fell in love with the play: the disconnected, surreal happenings in a South Coast garden, the romantic, Chekhovian feeling of being there at a momen when something is coming which will change the world for ever. There's a great longing and a great sense of innocence about to be lost.

"Actually, my main problem turned out to be that the play is such a delicate little chamber piece, I didn't want it to get lost in the acres of space you are handed on a plate at the Barbican. So I'm trying to contain it within a chamber on

Despite a certain fatigue brought on by this year's hyper-activity, Crowley has aiready started on next year's work. He is off to New York next week to discuss the Broadway production of Les Liaisons dangereuses, then he mostly because of the kind of starts at Covent Garden on work I've been doing big. The King Goes Forth to classical work in big spaces. France by the Finoisb comforme, the more space there poser Aulis Salinnen, which opens on April 1:

"It's a strange, oblique piece which I'm still reading and you're too literal with Shakespeare it just puts a straitincket around it and doesn't incorporating the present, a
let the poetry breathe.

"I'm not advocating bareboards Shakerseare that director and desimer had to boards Shakespeare — that sort of puritanical self-denial is just an inverted snohbery on Nicholas Hytner and I were he part of some directors. asked, at the last minute, to That kind of set drives me tackle this huge piece, this insanc, I want to throw pink cpic, incomprehensible Finn-knickers all over it! No. I want ish upera." Bob Crowley a set to be very beautiful, but I laughs again, obviously relish-



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Decision day for the eye in the sky

Tomorrow the Cabinet is expected

to choose the American Awacs early-warning aircraft. Keith Hindley

assesses Boeing's aerial Sentry

he world's most sophisticated radar station, manned by a crew of 22, slowly circles 30,000 feet above the gale-lashed Shet-land Isles. Its electronic sensors reach out through cloud and rain, probing an area larger than the British Isles for the first hint of a Soviet ship

From this viewpoint, a Boeing E-3C Awacs (airborne warning and reconnaissance aircraft) - known to Nato as "Sentry" - scans land, sea and skies and can track almost everything that moves, from a coaster to the smallest helicopter. Its aim is to spot an enemy at long range, giving Nato defences early warning and more time to respond. It also guides Nato aircraft to distant targets.

On this day, one of the plane's radar systems is now suffering interference from a equipment is designed to powerful Soviet radio station switch frequency in a random a sure sign of impending pattern hundreds of time per action — hut alternative radar are still working well. Sud-denly, images flash onto the screens as aircraft emerges from the Norwegian coast. Seconds later, computers identify them as Soviet SU-24 Fencer bombers escorted by SU-27 Flanker fighters.

The crew alert Nato command centres - at RAF Waddington and in Germany, Greece, Sicily and Turkey and a nearby Royal Navy aircraft carrier and RAF fighter bases. The carrier launches Harrier interceptors, while Tornado fighters scram-hle from RAF airfields in

Minutes later the Soviet planes detect the approaching Harriers and then pick up the Awacs plane as well. The Soviet fighters peel off to face the Harriers and attack the Awaes Sentries: a long-range electronic battle begins. Both sides use sophisticated radio signals in attempts to jam or block each other. But the

Sentry crew hold contact with the enemy by repeatedly changing radar and radio frequencies to evade the jamming in a quick-fire battle of wits. Some of the Nato radar equipment is designed to second. The Sentry crews also prepares flares to confuse heat-seeking missiles, strips of radar-baffling tin-foil called "chaff" (200 strips will pass through the eye of a needle) and evasive manoeuvres to counter an attack from the

uddenly a new threat looms as Soviet TU-26 Backfire bombers appear over the northern horizon. They carry cruise missiles for targets all over Europe and once launched, Awacs must track every missile. with competing radars developed by Westinghouse and Hughes. After rigorous comparisons, Westinghouse got the main radar contract in October 1972. This "fly-off" An Awacs crew can track up to 400 targets simultaneously. Indeed, they have also been

searching for a Soviet aircraft carrier and Soviet Blackjack bombers expected within range at any time. Both the Boeing Awaes Sentry and the British Aerospace AEW Nimrod were designed to seek. track and direct in all weathers, to see hut not be seen. The US air force decided to

develop a new generation of airbome radar over 20 years ago hy a competition between contractors. In the late Sixties. Boeing and McDonnell Doug-las both made proposals for modifying airliners for Awacs use and Boeing was awarded the contract in July 1970. Two planes were ordered and fitted

system is a relatively cheap way of giving competing con-tractors development

The Awacs plane carries

several dozen electronic sys-

radome. One radar detects targets, another studies the echoes and identifies the planes from a memory bank of how all known planes normaily appear, particularly Soviet ones.

Other transmitters interrogate friendly aircraft for their identity, via signal automatically transmitted by each Nato plane, while Awars can also stay silent and listen instead to signals given out hy targets. Radar operators can choose any of more than 20 combinations of radars and can divide the screen into 32 sectors and use a different combination in each one if they want while flying up a coastline. for example, they can use the

land and sea. There are more than a dozen communications channels, all using different equipment, wavelengths and transmission methods.

f these, some send

continuously, others in long bursts, while the most sophisticated cram signals into brief bursts that command centre being radioed. Such signals cannot be intercepted or jammed. Getting such a varied collec-tion of equipment to work together is always a major hurdle. Awacs suffered as many gremins as, if not more than, the British AEW Nimstormy European conditions. It is not too difficult to

design a sensitive radar ca-pable of picking up fast mov-ing low-level targets. The real problem is sorting out aircraft ecnoes from the background cluster on the ground. It can be done, but computers must be -programmed in a big way. the case of Awaes the boffies had to cure the plane's liking for cars, windmill farm pumps and telegraph poles.

The Awacs radar system will not operate under all conditions, and so operators can choose one of more than a dozen settings to suit particuiar conditions. This development work on Awacs absorbed

the sum spent so far on the same problems with Nimrod. Awacs was designed to work

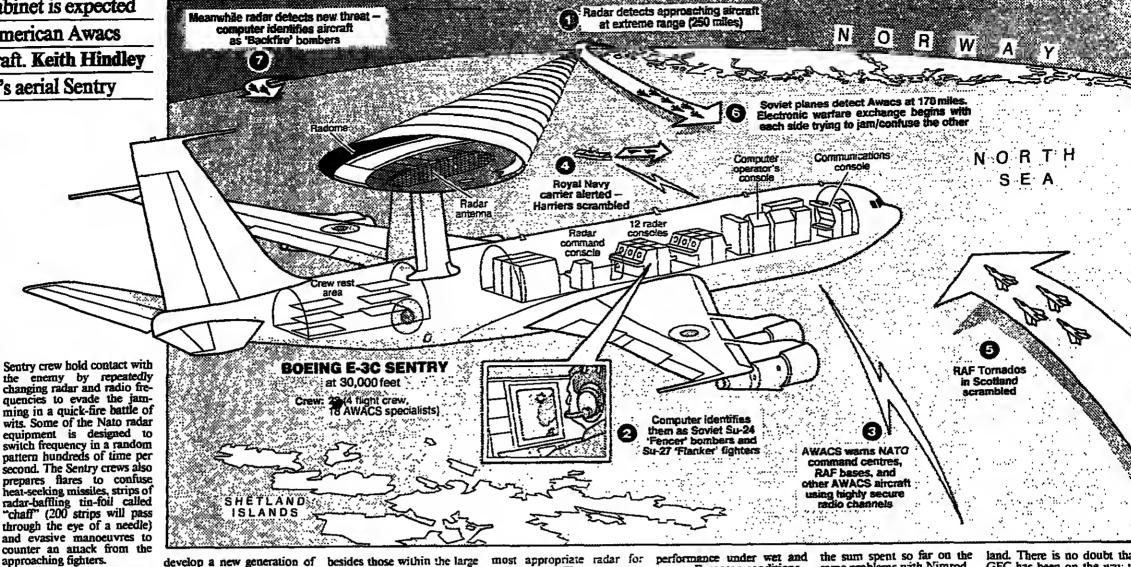
over land, but the US Air Force wanted to cover some sea areas. But the original Awacs radar only worked at sea in a flat calm - otherwise, wave tops gave echoes, and a formation of jumbo jets could sneak past unnoticed. Later models did better, but Awacs remains a radar designed for

Nimrod, in contrast, was designed specifically for maritime patrols. It is less troubled by sea conditions and the poor weather which is commonplace in Europe. But, once again. problems arose when engineers were asked to mod-

land. There is no doubt that GEC has been on the way to solving them, but it would take more time and much more money to produce a radar as effective as the Awacs

Nato obviously benefits from a shared system, and all other countries already use The Nimrod cramped inside, with little room to fit additional equipment:the Boeing, on the other hand, has plenty of spare room inside - enough to hold a group of 25 observers during demonstration flights without affecting the 18-man electron-

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A kiss toreign affair

Britain buys most of its mistletoe

from overseas.

but that situation

may be changing

Scarcely a sprig of the mistleparty Jacks and ever-soslightly tipsy Jills comes from this country. It still grows

Peter Heyes, a Middlesex mistletoe merchant, says: "Although a little comes from Worcestershire and Lincoln. 95 per cent of what is sold is from the Continent particularly northern and central France and the area around St

"Last year there was,a hit of a disaster. Some of the mistletoe was picked too early and turned to powder as though it had been cooked in a micro-

now grows wild on decrepit, untended trees. Within five years, as these become fewer, I think it will be raised commercially with a welcome in-crease in quality."

Cut lengths of the parasitic shrub. parasitic shrub, Some persons cut Viscum Album, reach Mr this mistletoe for some Heyes's base at Hayes in crates apothecaries in London and normally used for cauli-sold them a quantity for 10 normally used for cauli-flowers. We take two or three truckloads - and that is a lot of mistletoe. It is tricky stuff to deal in and there is some resistance to it within the

Disapproval is nothing new for mistletoe, which was working its wicked magic long before Roman colonists condemned the practices of Celtic priests who venerated it deep in the British wildwood. Unlike other evergreens,

pale pagan mistletoe never won acceptance by the early Christians. Holly, the "holy tree", and heaps of pine might decorate the church but not mistletoe, the ally of Druidism. There is a story that mistletoe was once a tree big enough to be used in the construction of Christ's cross. sophisticated swains and In subsequent disgrace it was relegated to the level of

The Druids, according to



one line of thought, were toe that will soon unite office pleased to find it growing on oaks which represented awesome strength; and, being frequently struck by lightning, here, but not in the quantities were associated with the goo of thunder. A wonderfully medicinal plant growing on a deity's favoured tree could have had irresistible appeal to

> Mistletoe has been associated with oaks ever since. But in fact it likes nothing better than to get its absorbent haustoria into an aged apple tree. The flowers open between February and April, but the white spherical berries are not ripe until the following

wave. This year I insisted on December picking. All we take mistletoe long after the Druids were gone. Writing in 1888, T.F.

Thiselton Dyer

quoted the diarist

John Auhrey:

"There was at Norwood an oak that

had mistletoe.

'Romantic mistletoe has a long history of disapproval' which was felled around 1657.

> shillings each time and left only one branch remaining for more to sport out. "One fell lame shortly after, soon after each of the others

lost an eye, and he that felled the tree, though warned of the misfortunes of the other men. would notwithstanding adventure to do it and shortly afterwards broke his leg." Mistletoe occurred in dream lore as a warning to

take great care in matters of the heart and even has a place in Norse legend. By the Middle Ages, there are references to mistletoe as a symbol of greeting and goodwill which might explain why the waxy white berries hung up near the strip lighting still have some influence on

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Crash of an heroic villain

The fall of Ivan Boesky has sent an echo down the

years, but Richard Whitney was in a

class of his own

To those who remember the Great Crash of 1929, Richard Whitney is Wall Street's most notorious fallen angel. In 1938, impeccably dressed and carrying a valise of hand-tooled leather, the former president of the New York Stock Exchange slipped qui-etty into Sing Sing prison, to serve a five-to-10-year sen-

tence for embezziement.
Inevitably, Whitney's fall has been compared to that of insider-trader Ivan F. Boesky, whose disclosures are likely to shake the foundations of Wall Street. But Boesky was a newcomer who remained an outsider, whereas Whitney was the real thing: a hero to the small investor, a respected member of the class which once ran Wall Street.

He was a "Boston Brahmin", whose forebears had arrived in New England in 1630. His father was president of a bank built on a family fortune accumulated over 2 century in the India trade. At 23, after a brief stint in the family bank, he bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. Soon he was principal broker for the great house of

By the mid-1920s, Whitney

Fallen angel: failed investments set Richard Whitney (centre) on the road to Sing Sing

and his young wife, Gertrade, owned a \$100,000 town house in New York, a 231 acre estate in Far Hills, New Jersey, a stable fall of thoroughbreds and were members of the best

It was not until 1929, however, that Whitney - by now vice-president of the New York stock exchange — burst into the spotlight, becoming an overnight hero on Black Thursday, when fortunes were lost in a matter of hours and panic reigned in the streets. Nearly 13 million shares changed hands and by noon

the market was out of control.
Then, The New York Times reported, Whitney "walked casually over to where US Steel was being traded to place what was to become the most famous single order in stock market history."

In a load voice Whitney offered a bid of \$205 for 10,000 shares of US Steel, which was then being offered at less than \$200 a share. It

He stole from his own stock exchange

calmed frightened traders, was a spectacular bid which convincing them that the bankers remained confident. Building on the drama, Whit-ney strolled to post after trading post, placing over-priced bids for blue-chip shares which eventually reversed the market's decline.

From that day of personal triumph, Whitney went on to greater glory as the "Voice of Wall Street". He was president of the exchange, Wall Street's representative in Washington, where angry politicians were threatening to curb the speculative excesses that had karmed millions. But Whitney was himself deep in debt, sinking into a

financial pit that he had begun digging as early as 1923. His inflated view of his ability to manage not just money but enterprises had led him to invest in applejack distilleries, peat humes projects, the min-ing of mineral colloids and other losing enterprises.

As he fell deeper into debt he borrowed millions of dollars, finally resorting to theft to keep his enterprises affoat. He did this by posting shares belonging to other people as collateral for his loans and embezzling funds entrusted to him by the stock exchange, the New York Yacht Club, his father-in-law's estate and numerous of his wealthy peers.

After serving his time in Sing Sing, where even the guards deferred to him as "Mr Whitney", he retired to his family's dairy farm in upstate New York, passing his remaining years in obscurity until his death in 1974.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

What makes public breast-feeding a moral question is not the act itself but the arguments used to justify performing it?

s any acquaintance of mine would confirm, breast-feeding is not a subject I spend much time worrying about. In my view, it's a sensible practice which saves a lot of time-consuming bother with formulas and an endless need to replace chewed-up rubber teats. The only peevish aspect of this matter, with its ineffable bond between mother and child, is the recent push in favour of doing it publicly. I simply con't understand wby a few mothers find it necessary to breast-feed babies during dinner parties, in department shops or, indeed, in the visitors' rooms of stately

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I didn't know, in fact, that mothers were lactating in stately homes, but this was drawn to my attention by a Times column written by Margery Roberts who disagreed with my attitude to public hreast-feeding. Mrs Roberts is a nursing mother who takes pride in what sbe calls "openly" hreastfeeding, but whatever our legitimate differences of opinion on this matter may be. I could not belp hut be bemused hy her description of the "nerve-racking experience" of visiting a stately home with a baby that wanted ber milk.

This led to a train of thought about all the other difficult places the lactating mother might find herself in: a dentist's chair, for example, or the post office queue. Perhaps at a podium while lecturing on economic theory. Of course, Mrs Roberts seems to



have a baby that even by the demanding standards of the four or five-month-old needed rather a lot of attention. Her baby, she pointed out, likes to feed for "much of the evening", which was wby she moved the meetings of the church committee of which she was secretary from the vestry to her home. I wondered apprehensively about the need for instant gratification that such children may have when grown up.

It appears that a great many of our readers have strong feelings on this subject and wrote to tell us so. The La Leche League introduced itself as the international organization offering breast-feeding information. Their letter suggested that perhaps it was an over-emphasis on breasts as sexual objects that makes some people uncomfortable at seeing nursing mothers in public. Several people seem to feel that if Page Three models could display mammaries, why shouldn't nursing mothers? Other readers had more specific suggestions based on their own experiences. British Rail, for example, was unfavourably compared with Sweden where long-distance trains come equipped with "child-compartments".

What is interesting to me about all this is the point at which a trivial matter of matters becomes a moral question. What makes public breast-feeding a moral ques-tion, I think, is not the act itself but the arguments used to justify performing it. When grown up motherpersons start hiding bebind the nappies and needs of their babies in order to assert their own demands for total licence against considerations of taste, decorum, or courtesy, then the issue is no longer about babies' needs. It is about women who would prefer to be church committee members rather than mothers and resent other peoples' artitudes to their own dilemmas. Harshly put, it is about a false claim for privilege by nursing mothers on grounds that they are on some sort of superior moral high ground where their inconsideration must take precedence over all other considerations.

I can't believe that anyone today thinks breast-feeding is an obscene or immoral act. The entire question of obscenity depends not only on what but on when and where it takes place. Wearing a bikini on the beach is fine, but not to the theatre. Breast-feeding in one's own home, in a ladies lavatory or a stranded tube train is acceptable; it is not in a restaurant, the Old Bailey or the small appliance department of Peter Iones. Incidentally, I have never thought, as many of our letter-writers did, that the nursing mother is a crotic or stimulating sight. As a female it pains me to admit this, but the naked breast does not always inspire lust, even in situations apart from maternal nursing.

I have been trying to understand why some women seem so keen on publicly breast-feeding. I should think that the desire simply to keep in the swim of dinner conversations and so on is only part of it. In some cases, it may be a slightly martyred hid to get attention. Others may do it as a political stance ranging from feminism to anti-establishmentarianism. Some may do

it to shock.
As several readers pointed out, I have never been a mother. Well, that's true, alas, but I have had the experience of being a baby. Speaking from the infant's point of view, I can say that I feel sure I would have preferred to have been breast-fed in private and would not have missed the carryingson of the world about me.

Two final points: first, public breast-feeding is not illegal in our society. Complaining mothers are not banned from publicly breast-feeding, all they can be objecting to is that some people will find it offensive, which is a perfectly legitimate opinion. Secondly, it seems to me that if here was a real need for public breastfeeding, our society - which has always arranged itself in the best possible way to ensure survival - would have long changed its attitude to the matter. But it hasn't and so long as there is no pressing need for militant lactation, may taste and decorum take precedence over the whims of a few nursing

Barbara Amiel

When the hand you're feeding becomes a fist

Seven weeks ago Salty Jones walked out of a police station with blood streaming down her face, two black eyes, a chipped tooth, and a pair of smashed glasses. The damage had been inflicted by a metal ashtray, hurled at her face by a 15-year-old youth.

The youth, Barry, has al-ready served his sentence two weeks in a detention centre — and is now back home. Sally, his social worker, is still wrestling with a set of conflicting emotions that have rebounded on both her work

and family life.

She says: "When I walk down the high street, go to the market, do the Christmas shopping, I think: how, could anyone hate me that much? Sally Jones is the latest

victim of the rising tide of violent abuse which has claimed the lives of three social workers and a medical months. Married with two teenage children, Jones, 41, has spent the last seven years working in the social services oepartment in a rural market town in the West Midlands. Barry had been in trouble

with the law for two years. A care order was eventually placed on him, giving the social services parental control, even though he was living Sally visited him every fort-

night, laying down firm restrictions on when be should be nome - by 10.30 or ! 1 pm on week days. He complied, hal resented it. Two weeks before the incident he became As Whitehall

begins an inquiry, a victim of the

growing violence against social

workers talks to

Jill Sherman

increasingly tense and fidgety, but he showed no overt

Then, one Friday morning, the police called and asked if someone could come do and see some youths who had been brought in. A few minutes later I beard that Barry had been brought in concern-

ing a local burgiary.

"I saw him on my own in a stark, cramped interview room. The door was shut. There were four chairs and a table with a large metal ashtray on it. I sat next to Barry. I asked him what had happened and whether he was going to admit it. He said be was. I told him I would find it very hard to say to the magistrates that things were working ont at home if he was doing this kind of thing.

"He started disputing this, saying he was coming home on time. I asked him what time the burglary had taken place. He said 3 in the morning. This rather illustrated my point, I said. Then he threw the ashtray at me. "I had realised he was tense

hut no more than usual. Sitting next to him I couldn't see the full span of his face or his right hand. He picked np the ashtray with his strong right arm - he's a big lad -and forced it into my face." Thrown backwards in the

chair, her glasses shattered, she got up and made for the door, blood pouring down her face. "I wondered whether I was going to have striches and bave a nasty scar. I was shocked and dazed but my instant reaction was that this had was not going to see me cry, scream or break down."

Sally was taken to hospital. She was X-rayed and her to her office.

"One of my first thoughts was of guilt. Even though I had read about victim guilt, I still wondered whether I was responsible and I knew that some penple would think it was my fault. I was afraid of their reactions. I was also aware that things don't happen in isolation. I am not responsible for that act of violence. He is. But there may dling of the situation.

Sally's children were on the doorstep when she arrived bome that Friday. They were very protective, but from recent tensions in her family, Sally fears that the incident may have had a deeper impact than she first realised.

"My busband didn't say an

extent. awful lot either and tried to "I wanted people to accept



Shadowlands: Sally Jones is more wary since the attack

stand why I felt guilty or worried that others would hlame me. He thought I was over reacting. I didn't get much sympathy."

At work Sally found herself torn between wanting sympathy but not wanting any formal counselling. "David, my senior, kept on pushing counselling on me. He said I But I didn't think I was. I am someone who is quite capable of standing stress to a certain

play it down. He's in social my reactions: my numb feel-

work, too. He couldn't under- ings, my wobbliness, the tearfulness, the odd snide remark or snap, the misplaced humour, my fear that others would hlame me, the occasional yearn to fice from the office and go to bed. I wanted my colleagues to accept this and make allowances for it, I

> and I resented it." overcome was seeing Barry again in court. On the day he had assaulted ber be had been charged with both the assault and the hurgiary. But he was still under care and Sally was

didn't want to be told by my boss that I needed counselling. The next hurdle Sally had to

still his social worker. When be was back in court the following week the magistrate asked whether he felt sorry for what he had done. He said no.

"I didn't feel angry, but I felt detached, awkward and uncomfortable," said Sally. "I felt he had clothbered me for what I represented rather than as a person. I wanted to shout out I am a person. I hurt, I am flesh and blood. I've got family. I am somebody else's

With hindsight, Sally feels she should have thought more about the impact her visit to

A recent survey by the British Association of Social Workers showed that less than half the social service department contacted had implemented any security mea

sures at all and few could

weapons, including knives, broken bottles and chairs. produce any guidelines. The Health and Safety Executive's draft recommendations The report, by the Health and Safety Executive, will also show that at least a third of • Using physical devices to serious incidents were not offer protection for certain officially recorded. The most groups of staff, such as per-

A MOUNTING TOLL OF VIOLENCE

survey of 5,000 health workers, to be published next month, shows that one in 200

have suffered a major injury

following a violent nttack dur-

ing the last year. A further one

in 20 had been threatened with

ten needed first aid and one

vulnerable health workers were student nurses and amsoual alarms, panic buttons and two way radios. bulance staff, with most in- Redesigning reception areas cidents occurring in accident and waiting rooms to make them less isolated and more and emergency departments. A study of social services

departments show similar fig-ares, with one in 259 staffpeople why they have to wait and providing simple explanabeing assaulted every year. But individual questionnaires tory leaflets. sent to social workers in one • Providing adequate and shire county found that one in flexible staffing levels, ensurfour social workers had been attacked in the last five years.

ing cover for nights, weekends and changeover periods and seeing that individuals are not High risk situations in-cluded: child abuse cases, isolated for long periods. mental health clients needing Providing training courses in the prevention and managehospital admission, wife battering cases and residential

ment of violence, including Organizations representing self defence courses.

Offering support and counselling to victims with information on legal assistance and compensation.

the police station would have on Barry. And she should have

sat opposite, rather than next to, him, so that she could see what he was doing. But greater physical security measures are not the answer, she said. "I don'l think any social

worker would want the profession to develop a seige mentality, but there are sen sible precautions. I think that visiting in pairs should be routine in cases where either the social workers are uneasy or it is a known risk situation."

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A round-up of news, views and information

Listen for success

Locking into a network of information and support can help boost a woman's chances of career success. With that aim, the National Organiza-tion for Women's Manage-ment was founded in 1981 to inform women about work shops and courses designed to improve their management and personal skills. Quarterly newsletters, occasional infor-mal meetings and a directory listing contact numbers, forge the link between women drawn from such diverse fields as education, man turing, industry and publishing - who can meet or chat on the telephone about their own experiences working their way up the management lad-der. Membership (which covers the newsletter and directory) costs £12, and details are available if you send an s.a.e. to Lene Orchard, 29 Burkes Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 1PF.

At the crease

The cogniscenti are begging Stateshound travellers to re-turn with cans of an extraor-dinary spray called "Wrinkle Free". You spray it on your clothes and the fine mist of fabric softener, water and alcohol removes the creases almost instantly. It can be found in major US department stores - and the sooner we can buy it here,

QUOTE ME...



"Men are very good at not seeing what they don't want to see, even on a simple level like the washing-up piling in the sink. If they don't want to do it, they just literally don't see it. That's a lesson women Mirren, actress.

Boxed set

Parents trying to teach very young children to read could find "Flying Start" videos a hoon. Nursery school teacher Michele Kimche enlisted Rolf Harris's help in producing a part-film, part-cartoon tale to instruct toddiers in basic literacy and numeracy. It's accompanied by flashcards, story books, work-cards and a guidebook and can be used by children from the age of three. "Fly-ing Start" kits one and two are available at £19.95 each through Virgin, HMV and Woolworth shops and two more should reach the shelves next summer.

Josephine Fairley

TALKBACK

From Vicki Ochocka High Beeches Gerrards Cross, Bucks

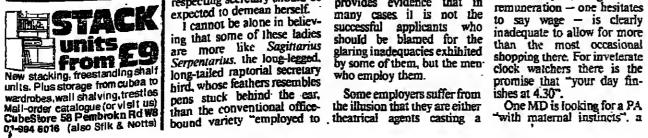
Barbara Amiel'a colomn on domestic violence (December 10) may for some readers encourage the stereotype that wife-hitting mainly occurs when a shrewish woman berates her busband after he has an innocent night out with

the boys.

I wonder if Mrs Amiel has ever been slapped in the face by someone who outweighs forgets that even "just a slap" can break capillaries in the skin; a single punch can shotter teeth.

No one starts out hitting his wife every day. The first few slaps will usually be followed by the man's npologies and the woman's forgiveness. But occasional violence usually escalates over the years. If we insist on regarding some violent incidents as minor, the question of where to draw the line may never be answered. We cannot have the law being broken just because the victim is unable or unwilling to bring

The police are encouraged to press charges because if they do not it will only get they do not it will only get worse, thus leading to repo calls, additional harm to the woman, and considerable cost to society.



Secretary required, mop supplied

Some bosses are demanding enough

to put the vacuum into the sits. vac.

he following sounds like something from a tele-vision comedy script: When you have finished what you are doing, Miss Crane, please take my wig to the cleaners and then give my false teeth a scrub." It is in fact an authentic instruction issued by a managerial male to a cowed secretary.

Some bosses, returning from a sweat-raising game of hinchrime squash, also de-mand that their confidences sort out their gear, wash and iron it for tomorrow's exertions. I am indebted for this information to the author and broadcaster Dr Rosalind Miles, who devotes her professional life not only to those members of the allegedly weaker sex, who have climbed the slippery rungs of the ladder to success in n still predominantly male world, but also to those who clearly

Such tasks should be carried out only after payment of (negotiable) bonuses or the dispersement of additional perks. Almost nobody suggests that in 1986 a selfrespecting secretary should be expected to demean herself.

I cannot be alone in believing that some of these ladies are more like Sagittarius Serpentarius, the long-legged, long-tailed raptorial secretary hird, whose feathers resembles pens stuck behind the ear,



transact business for another." victim of anonymous secretaries who appear to be ensure your message is conveyed to him in due course." Il is a betting certainty they presentation. will not ring back as promised. If they do, they will tell you something you don't want to know and haven't asked for in the first place.

ntil recently I had no patience or sympathy with them. But an analysis of vacancies in secretarial employment pages provides evidence that in many cases il is not the successful applicants who should be blamed for the glaring inadequacies exhibited by some of them, but the men-

who employ them.

West End musical or that the Who has not been the last thing they are looking for is efficiency. If all the qualifications they require incapable of taking down an from their future girl Monday address or telephone number to Friday were to be embodied accurately, who use phrases in one person the girl would such as could you, please, have impeccable appearance indicate the nature of your and good sense of humour, a enquiry" or "Mr Page is in bright, bouncy — or even conference at this moment in sparkling — personality, social time, I will endeavour to panache and immaculate appearance, enthusiasm, and fashionable, but well-groomed

> Other prospective employers offer secretaries the prospect of "fun and wine bars", in which they can enjoy "champagne al the celebration

And they needn't worry about working conditions, which are "luxurious" and even "two minutes walk from Harrods", though the remuneration - one hesitates to say wage - is clearly inadequate to allow for more than the most occasional shopping there. For inveterate clock watchers there is the promise that "your day fin-

possible misprint for "material" and certainly a violation of the sex equality legislation, unless he doesn't mind employing someone with paternal proclivities. To encourage applicants, he adds: "rusty shorthand will suffice" Another insists his secretary hould "help run your bosses Some required qualifica-

tions are ill-defined and even ambiguous. It is possible to visualise what is meant by must be articulate for lots of client liaison" or eager "to handle occasional visitors" But most people over 30 (unless they served in India) could well be misled by the demand: "Viceroy experience essential."

n view of all this it is not surprising if many successful applicants look upon their jobs as sinecures and considered outside callers to be violators of their sheltered

This is meant to be the age

when the customer is always right and when he gets what he wants. The question remains: Who is the customer? The MD looking for an attractive help maid? The departmental boss who likes to spend his working day in the company of a girl with a hubbly personality? The area manager who wants his private life to be organised by a wellgroomed nanny?

Or is it Joe/Josephine Bloggs, who indirectly pays the salary of boss and assistant and is therefore entitled to a share in what should be an

Andrew Wiseman

ONE FINE TRADITION DESERVES ANOTHER.



FRANK COOPER'S

THE TASTE OF INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER



THE TIMES DIARY

Lunch break

Following my report of constant crossed telephone lines between the Liberal Party headquarters and Conservative Central Office, I understand that the Palace of Westminster has now become embroiled. An aide to David Steel wails that each time he has tried to contact a prominent Liberal in Loodon he has been connected to the British embassy in Paris, whence a recorded message informed him: "The British embassy is closed for lunch."

Prescient

Tory MP Sir John Biggs-Davison, sponsor of Peter Bruinvels' wellsupported private member's bill oo controlling crossbows, smiles at the memory of his par-liamentary question on the same subject in 1979. "I have no evidence that such legislation would be justified," replied the Labour Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees. It is not the first time Biggs Davisoo has been ahead of the game. "Some years ago I wrote to a minister to suggest that traffic wardens might be appointed to relieve the police, only to be told the proposal was 'quite im-practical'," be tells me.

Dry run

Red faces at the Consumers' Association this week over a Thames Valley hostelry given a top rating in its 1987 Good Pub Guide, which urges drinkers to sample its "outstanding bars, views over the Thames and tasty ales". There is no doubt that the Caversham Bridge hotel at Read-ing is out of this world - it was demolished last July to make way for a leisure centre.

BARRY FANTONI



I said to myself, lay off the interval drink.

Oh, lord

I thought for a moment that Andrew Lloyd Webber had found a new lyricist in the unlikely person of Lord Longford. At a London presentation the perky peer confided that he had been approached by a hack who wished to interview him on his musical interests. "Had he, perhaps, heard of my intended collaboration on Lloyd Webber's next musical?" asked Longford. I suppose we must brace ourselves for a new West End money-spinner,

 A shareholder at the Glaxo AGM, noting that the company's shares had fallen from £11 at the beginning of last year to £9, suggested that the board might co-opt Victor Borge, who claims to have discovered a cure for which there is no known disease.

Guru of gloom

The economy must be in a sorry state indeed, judging by the gloomy comments of Charles Goodhart, the Bank of England's former chief adviser, at a conference of the Institute of Economic Affairs. Confessing to deep pessimism about the value of setting targets for the money setting targets for the money supply, the gurn of Threadneedle Street said of his time there that he had been challenged to produce a positive suggestion out of a neg-ative critique. Now unconstrained knew exactly what to do to solve Britain's economic ills: "I would abolish sterling and the Bank of England and have our policy run by the Bundesbank."

No Noel

Belfast's hard-line Unionist lord mayor, Alderman Sammy Wilson, is so pleased with his "Belfast Says Noel" quip which I reported recently that he has used the slogan on the civic Christmas cards he and his mayoress, Rhonda Paisley (Ian's daughter) have dispatched to dignitaries throughout the world - but not, it appears, to the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King, who is to be denied any such felicitations.

Percussive

After a series of 999 calls, police and firemen investigated a bomb scare in Swansea this week and found the culprits to be musicians - the reported explosions and smoke had been caused by the Welsh Philharmonic Orchestra and two brass bands rehearsing Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture complete with cannon booms. Police later patrolled the streets, warning residents of the oext

Nimrod: the big questions

The essential features of our agreement with the government were that we would work closely with the Ministry of Defence to do everything possible to ensure that the Nimrod sirborne early-warning system met the RAF's cardinal points specification; that the Ministry of Defence would examine alternatives to satisfy it that it was getting good value for money for the remaining Nimrod programme, or a fall-back alternative if that should prove necessary; and that GEC would take 50 per cent of the financial risk.

No-one who benefited from the protection of the RAF during the onslaught of the Luftwaffe in the 1940s should feel other than an awed respect for the service. Of course the RAF must have an early-warning system which meets its specification and is available at reasonable cost and within the stipulated time. Had we been in any doubt that we could achieve this, we would oot since March 1986 have put £25 million of our own money into the project. Still worse, if delivery was three years late, as has been suggested it might be, that would cost the company well over £200 million under the onerous contract terms we have promised to accept. So there is every reason for GEC to drop out of the contract if Nimrod wil not do the job. But we do not believe that to be the case.

No criticism

Progress on the development has been continually notified over the past months to the MoD and RAF in a series of reports which showed that all the target dates had been either met or beaten. I have received no criticism from

So far as I have been able to ascertain, little or no active assistance was rendered either constructively or critically by the MoD during these mooths, except for the provision of target aircraft and visits at our invitation to see for themselves what was being done. On these occasions, the comment tended to be complimentary and certainly not criti-

The fact is that the company has demonstrated that it will be able to meet the RAF's specification against which the performance of both systems was to be measured; what was not envisaged was a sudden-death playoff of the two systems in their present state. As the Secretary of State for Defence said recently in a broadcast, the Nimrod system works, but the task put on GEC Avionics last March was to establish that the Nimrod would meet the RAF

This kind of thing has never been done before without us bashing each other over the head," de-Gummer after yesterday's announcement of partial reform of the EEC dairy and beef in-dustry. "It opens the way for bringing down those food mountains."

Even sceptical EEC officials are talking about a breakthrough, while adding, as one of them put it yesterday, that "the real dust-up is yet to come."

Mr Gummer, the junior Agriculture Minister, was speaking for Britain because Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, was in the chair as president of the Farm Council. He was also in the chair during the night before, and indeed many nights and days before that. "The poor chap's been incarcerated," a British source management

Senior British officials, from Sir Geoffrey Howe downwards, are unamused by suggestions that Mr Jopling, together with other Brit-ish ministers, has been engaged in "cosmetic politics" in the dying days of the British presidency of the EEC in order to achieve what the first five months of the presidency, and above all the EEC London summit earlier this month, failed to tackle: farm reform, air fares and other central issues. Better to leave it to specialist ministers than to risk a bit of unpleasant "bashing" at summit

level, the British argument runs. The result of Mr Jopling's sustained and sleepless efforts is ubdoubtedly a significant step forward. As late as Monday, when the much-adjourned farm talks resumed, few of those involved were predicting any compromise at all. The West Germans are holding elections in a month's time and the conventional wisdom is that no politician can afford to alienate the rural vote.

No two people speak or write exactly the same English. Each of

us differs from all other English-

users in vocabulary, grammar,

pronunciation, slang, idiosyn-crasy, misunderstandings, sole-cisms, family jokes and dozens of other parts of the language. A man's version of English is called his idiology and it is for more

his idiolect, and it is far more

strikingly peculiar to him than his

fingerprints. We tend to think of our particu-

lar idiolect as standard, and

everybody else's as aberrant.

Everybody's out of step except our

Johnnie. We try to pass on our idolects to our children. I remem-

ber my father working himself into a passion about the Suffolk

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instead of the smarter metropoli-

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undergraduate reading English at St Hilda's who was being given a

Lord Weinstock. managing director of GEC.

recounts the history of his firm's contender and appeals for a

fair chance to clear away the

specification at the end of the development period.

confusion

That Boeing's Awacs is opera-tional today, although still below the RAF's requirements, does not mean that its delivery will be any sooner or its canability any greater than Nimrod's. In fact, Nimrod looks certain to be ready sooner, with added functions for much less than the Boeing cost.

Had our performance been as bad as it is apparently painted, it is extraordinary that we could have been nominated as recently as September 25 to go forward for final adjudication when the three other contenders were eliminated. Even later, at the end of September, we were asked by the MoD to continue for a further three months on the same 50:50 pricing

Contrary to recent media re-ports that Nimrod has been achieving only a 30 per cent success rate in trials, the project has achieved 9I hours and 40 minutes of successful mission



tial 100 hours (20 flights) between October 23 and last Friday after-

The nature of the comments in some newspapers purporting to emanate from the Ministry of Defence suggests that Nimrod cannot be made to work, or would m any case be years late. But our people, just as experienced, dedi-cated and patriotic, say precisely the opposite, and question the depth of the assessment given the magnitude of the programme. And Lockheed is offering to many countries overseas an airborne early-warning system comprising its famous Hercules C-I30 airframe and GEC's Nimrod mission system - clearly Lockheed is fully satisfied with the system.

I have outlined why any layman might doubt the validity of the assessment, but why do our experts doubt it? Because the assessment of schedules and resources was not interlinked or coordinated with the technical

• The Government are auxious to give the company the chance to demonstrate that it can complete the project satisfactorily. The company has now shown its commitment to, and confidence in, its ability to do this. It has also recognized — I pay tribute to it for this - the need to show that its solution is competitive with the alternatives that are on offer. The Government have sought in the negotiations to give it every opportunity to recover a most unsatisfactory position which reflects, in part, wider shortcomings in the management of defence procurement. That, too, must be vigorously tackled. 9

Commons statement by Norman Lamont, Minister of Defence Procurement, February 26, 1986

How soon will

EEC mountains

begin to fall?

grammes, no MoD team members, expressed any residual concern and no copy of the report was offered to GEC for comment - although Boeing seems to have found itself in a position to issue a statement stating that the evaluation had been conducted in an "exemplary" manner and was, in its opinion, "technically thorough and scrambiously fair". We could not possibly have written such a statement because we have never had access to the necessary information on which it is presumably based. The unanswered questions surrounding the project can only serve to cloud the issues. We have fulfilled our obligations under the arrangements which were entered

into with the MoD in February However, if Nimrod is so bad now after its "amazing" progress in the last nine months, how could it ever have been right to waste another £50 million, half of it public money? If this is not the case, why was Nimrod not elimi-

Why, why?

nated in August when three alter-

native systems were dropped?

Why has no critical comment been received since last March on the technical progress we have reported? Why is Lockheed/Georgia prepared to rely on Nimrod avionics for worldwide sales of airborne early-warning systems? Why the ministerial statements that Nimrod "works"? Above all else, why does the MoD steadfastly refuse to show us the technical assessment which an "official" told The Sunday Times he will make public to GEC's

Surely, we should now be given the opportunity of putting forward our critique of the whole assessment before some mutually agreed independent party capable of making a judgement as to whether the conclusions of the assessment are justified.

If that assessment is right, and as one of the government's largest suppliers of military equipment, we will be very grateful to have been saved the loss and ignominy which failure on our part to fulfil the contract would involve. If not, the government would want to

Because of the importance and significance of this matter for Britain, in terms of defence, avionics, jobs, export earnings and national pride, the decision should not be allowed to be taken against such a background of seeming confusion and disorder.

Year. He warns starkly that the EEC will simply run out of cash by mid-1987 and non-farming programmes such as regional and social spending or research funding will collapse. Yesterday's British-engineered agreement on milk abd beef is qualified by loopholes and conditions, and if the Commission waits for Mr Gummer's vision of falling food mountains to come about before tackling overall financing it will

The surpluses, for all Mr Jopling's efforts, are not about to disappear, and the beef mountain, paradoxically, may even rise as dairy farmers slaughter cattle to reduce milk and butter output.

wait a long time.

Restructuring EEC finances could involve in the long term restructuring the system of rebates won amid much clamour by Mrs Thatcher at the Fontainebleau summit two years ago, and in the short term almost certainly means emergency extra national contributions to meet over-spending. Both arouse Mrs Thatcher's ire, as she made clear in an uncompromising and, on the whole, ill-received performance at the European Parliament last week.

In other words Britain, against the odds, has started the CAP reform rolling though whether in time or on the scale needed to solve the immediate budgetary headaches remains to be seen.

But yestersday the Belgians, who take over the presidency in two weeks time, were generous in their praise of the British achieve-ment even while looking ahead somewhat anxiously to the budget crunch which they confidentally expect will take place in the spring under their chairmanship, what-ever new proposals Mr Delors and the Commission come up with when he tours EEC capitals in the

Richard Owen

London summit — wants to get to grips with the catastrophic budget overrum immediately in the New The outcome of this week's frantic pre-Christmas rush, while Preposidioms

Philip Howard: New Words for Old

from in his idiolect. We had better look into the matter.

Jopling: 'Incarcerated'

Hence repeated failure to tackle

the absurdities of the Common

The CAP is "like a resident

expanding cuckoo" said a British

official. It swallows up more than two-thirds of the EEC budget in

farm-price support and storage. But somebody in the EEC is

always on the verge of an election.

rural sensitivities are important, it

is not necessarily electorally disas-trous to tell voters that the EEC as

a whole as agreed to grasp the nettle of farm reform. On the

contrary, yet another national row with the EEC may prove electorally unpopular. "After all", said a British source, "we may not be far

off an election ourselves."

The British view is that while

Agricultural Policy.

The brisk answer to this particular foible in people's idiolects is that it is a superstition, if not a fetish. The Oxford English Dictionary reports that the usual construction is now different from", but that different "to" is found in writers of all ages. For those who turn purple and biss at the supposed American barbarism different "than", I regret to tell you that "different than" is found in such masters of English as Fuller, Addison, Steele, Defoe, Fanoy Burney, Coleridge, Southey, De Quincey, Carlisle and Thackeray.

The grammatical argument for different "from" is that the preposition stays the same after morphologically related verbs.

adjectives and nouns: I differ from, different from, difference from. But this correspondence is erratic: full of, but filled with: proud of, but pride in; this accords with, but according to; I neglect, but negligent of, this devogates from deposition to. from, derogatory to. The prepositions that go with certain words are matters of idiom, taste, and idiolect; and all are in a state of constant flux.

Delors: stark warning

it has achieved a great deal against

the odds and against the clock, does store up trouble for the future

- which means the Belgian presi-dency in the first half of 1987, But

Sir Geoffrey is able to claim, with justice, that Britain has paved the

way for both farm reform and cheaper air fares - the two most

Mrs Thatcher will be able to

claim that a start has been made in

cutting farm spending so that an overhaul of the EEC's finances as

demanded by the Commission

But Jacques Delors, the Commission president — still smarting from his humiliation at Mrs Thatcher's hands at the

prominent European issues.

My teacher friend, who is a good classicist as well as an English purist, adheres to his idiolect: "I remain obdurate (or fairly so) that the likes of Ovid and Shakespeare are allowed to break rules and make them, but lesser mortals should be more diffident." The prefix "dis-" has essentially the implication of "apart", separation, and this must take from, and not to. The latter, except from the

pen of a master of bterature, sounds cacophocous. You would not surely accept "to" after distinguish, disconnect, disagree . ? You may retort with disadvantageous or disallow, but I would distinguish these as having the prefix "ad-" dominating.

I found myself writing

"different . . . than" the other day, because there was a thumping big parenthesis between the adjective and its preposition. I looked at it again, and decided that it sounded right, or suited my idiolect, and let it stand. Different than is the only way to say it, when different is followed by a comparative than-clause. She's quite a different girl than she was five years ago. The unions are taking a very different attitude than the bosses. "From" would do in the latter example. It goes to show that you must wear your idiolect with a difference. But these prepositional quirks and idioms are not serious solecisms or important rules, because whichever you use, the sense is clear. Grammar that is really bad is the idiolect that obscures von meaning and ruins the sense.

Wilfred Beckerman

The problem of judging evil

Hindley. One can easily imagioe the appalling anguish and night-mares that will haunt the parents of their victims as long as they live. If they feel that merely rendering such monsters harmless behind prison bars is not enough, it would be a perfectly understandable reaction in any normal human being. Most of us will also have reacted the same way to last week's sickening and heartbreaking report by the NSPCC on the rease in cruelty to children almost always by their parents.

Our natural instinct on such occasions is to want to mete out dire punishment. We can only justify that to ourselves, of course, if we also pass moral judgement on the perpetrators. In such a climate, arguments like Bernard Levin's defence of the practice of passing moral indgements oo people (this page. November 24) will fall oo fertile soil.

Mr Levin writes: "The greatest and most dangerous lie of our time is that we are solely the result of our upbringing, our milieu. etc. He says this is a dangerous lie since it leads to "determinism . . . and the ... condonation of guilt and the dismissal of responsibility". But this is a total misrepresectation of determinism, which does not require that people's behaviour is determined solely by their environment. Their genes play a part. We would be justified in passing moral judgements only if we thought that people are somehow morally responsible for their genetic endowment.

With iocreasing scientific understanding of the generic basis of personality, the absurdity of passing moral judgements on people for acts we abhor but which we know to be the result of, say, some specific abnormality in their chromosomes, will become more obvious.

Suppose we took two people with identical genetic endowments and identical environmental experience, would we expect them to be capable of behaving differently in any particular situation? If the answer is "Yes," then I would like to know what exactly it is in them

that would explain the difference, When I challenge philosophers who shrink from the determinist conclusioo to give me a straight answer to my question, I am usually met by a smokescreen of technical sophistry. Or I am told that if I were right and that we were entirely the products of our genetic endowment and our environmental experience, then the future would be entirely determined. Now this may be a most unappetizing conclusion, but if the logical implication of a certain argument is unpalatable.

renuces the argument. None of this means, however, that behaviour that sickens most of us has to be tolerated. This College, Oxford.

The police are right to take dangerous deduction is usually the precaunions to protect Myra result of failure to distinguish between passing moral judgements on people and passing judgements on acts that people carry out. That that we cannot say that people are "bad" in a moral sense does not preclude our saying that certain acts are "bad" in the sense that they inflict suffering on

other people. Of course, cruelty to children or anybody else is indescribably revolting. If one likes to call the people who perpetrate such acts "bad", so be it. There is no doubt that they must not be allowed as that they must not be allowed to get away with it. But they are only bad" in the same sense that an apple is bad if eating it would make you ill. One would not dream of passing moral judge-ments on the apple for being what it is. But one tends to do so in the case of "bad" people on account of the illusion that they are somehow

or other "free". This illusion of freedom is a natural one, but the fact that we may feel free io the sense that we may constantly be making choices that are oot dictated by anybody outside us does oot mean we are free in the sense of oot being the slaves of what is inside us. It is undignified. I suppose, to admit that we are just a form of infinitely variable robot; but, sadly, that is

the fact of the matter. Fortunately, our own grammes do not prevent us from dealing with those of our kind who have been badly programmed. Since we must condemo their actions, we need to restrict their behaviour, which may involve locking them up. But there should be nothing personal about it. We need to be able to say, "We are sorry about this; it is not your fault that you are a monster. But society cannot tolerate such revolting behaviour, and we have to prevent you giving free rein to the 'bad' sides of your nature with which you have been inflicted."

The suffering in this world is already enough to make most people despair of the human race. It is the product of a strange mix of genetic and environmental characteristics, for neither of which are people morally responsible. To accuse them of being so can only generate yet further hatred and vindictiveness, perpetuate the spirit of revenge and intolerance, and corrupt even those most appalled by the type of behaviour that they rightly condemn. An ideal - but no doubt unattainable - society would know how to maintain a spirit of revulsion for acts that burt other people, and how to minimize them without cultivating an instinctive batted for the perpetrators of such acts. Probably the best we can do is to recognize that any increase in the sum total of hatred and intolerance can only make the world an most people to live in. The author is a Fellow of Balliol

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Shirt tales in the air

Hong Kong! The very name was and oone of them have ever fitted like the ping of a cash register. I me properly." "Impressive," said a large man arriving in a duty-free area 25 miles long that I could not sleep. At the hour when everyone else in the aircraft had been put into a deep trance by the in-flight movie — in which Tom Cooti tried to look like a Pope, but succeeded only in resembling Ringo Starr— and the stewardess had turned the lights off, I went for a walk in my padded feet.

Thus it was that I climbed up the small spiral staircase at the front, and there it was that I found several veteran travellers still awake, sitting round a small log fire with glasses of brandy, exchanging travellers' yarns. "Tell me about Hong Kong," I

begged them.
"Hong Kong?" said one. "Imag-ine a large lump of rock colonized entirely by the Tottenham Court

"It is so geared to shopping," said another, "that you are given a free supermarket trolley on arrival."

world where there are three channels," said another: "Some-thing to Declare, Nothing to Declare and Order a Suit to be Made While Going Through Customs."

"I remember the first shirt I ever had made in Hong Kong." said the opening speaker reflec-tively. "I had never been in the place before and I wanted to find a factory where I could order 10,000 plastic toys incorporating a real fire hazard and three toxic ingredients in time for the Christmas

season. "Worked for a big store chain, did you?"

"No, for a big newspaper. They can't get through Christmas without a Death Trap Toy Horror story. Anyway, I went into a tailor's shop to ask the way, and as I stepped through the door I was aware of someone running a tapemeasure over me.

"As I walked across the floor to the counter I could hear machines whirring, and just as I reached the counter there was the rustle of packing paper. The man behind the counter smiled and said: Three white shirts to your measurements, sir.' It had taken them precisely 17 seconds to and buy a jade Buddha with automake. Letill wear them to this day, focus shutter and AM/FM tuner!)

with a ginger toupee. "But I think I can beat that. I was once in Hong Kong for 16 hours. A long stay, I know, but I was delayed by having to fill in as Governor for a while. So I decided to take a long roll of cloth, left behind by my predecessor, to a tailor's and get it run up into clothes. There must have been enough io it for 50 shirts. I went in, saw it taken away by an assistant, and while I was still haggling over the price, saw it brought back as 50 shirts."

"Bet you were pleased." "Not really. I wanted it turned into dresses for my wife, you see. But before my very eyes — and this is where Hong Kong beats everywhere else - they converted those shirts into nine dresses. My wife still wears them and they fit nicely. Pity they've all got collars at waist

level. You can't have everything."

"I have a strange story to tell about Hong Kong shirts," said a man who had been silent so far. "I had been to a tailor to order 100 suits to be grade a consistent to "It is the only airport in the suits to be made overnight. He said this would involve building a new factory that evening. I said that would be fine, as long as he didn't make too much noise. But that night I was called away by my company of engineers to build a dam in Thailand, and I was there for three years without collecting the suits. From there I was called to an irrigation scheme in Lesotho and from there to land reclamation in the worst part of Central America. After eight years working in the worst conditions in the world, I finally got back to Hong Kong to claim those suits, only to

find . . . "
"They weren't ready?"

ready "Oh, they were ready all right. No, I found that while I had been away I had shrunk three sizes and my shape had changed cottrely."
"Money down the drain," said

ginger toupee.
"Not at all," said the 100-suit man. "They all now fitted me

perfectly." "That reminds me of a story ! heard about a man who found fly buttons fitted to his socks," said ginger toupee, at which point I crept away into the night and went back to dream about Hong Kong. (Tomorrow: I land in Hong Kong

Anglier -George

hard time by her mother, a graduate of that noble college beside the Isis, for saying and writing "different 10" rather than "different from". The next day I met an English teacher who also had a hobby-horse about different المكذا من الاصل

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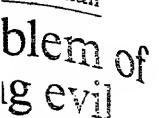
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PAYING IN ANGER

Out of about 36 million people in Britain who can vote, only 18 million pay any rates, and of those only 12 million pay rates in full. This alone is enough to demonstrate the unfairness of the existing system. But worse is the fact that since most of the money goes to authorities in inner cities with the highest social needs, it also goes to many leftist authorities which are hureaucratically inefficient and given to irresponsible over-spending, even on top of Government's t be redistributionist financing.

They know that the bill can be charged up to the rate payers without any ill consequences to themselves, since the majority of their political supporters, paying little or no rates, have no incentive to call them to account. Instead, the burden falls on a minority of local people - and on businesses which have no votes and which are often driven from these areas, taking with them the employement prospects the inner cities so badly

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Nicholas Ridley, has now confirmed the intention to abolish domestic rates in the next Parliament. It is intended that virtually the whole electorate, and resident foreigners, should pay a community charge in part or in full, including even students, pensioners and people on social security. For these exceptional categories there would be rebates, but even so there would be a minimum payment of some 20 per cent. The community charge, so the theory runs, will give every voter an incentive to call his local authority to account.

The objective is unexceptional, hut that is more than can be said with any confidence for its feasibility. Important questions remain to be answered. The Government hopes that the hill, now before Parliament, to introduce a community charge in Scotland will provide both a pilot scheme and reassurance.

It may or it may not Scotland is being dealt with first, partly because political discontent over rating revaluation has been sharper there, and partly because the difference between the highest and lowest rate in Scotland is narrower so that the change will have less of an impact on individuals. Yet even in Scotland, making people pay a local tax who have never paid one before is, to say the least, a dubious political attraction.

But the largest doubts relate to feasibility. There is, first, the question of the public's acceptance of the tax and its willingness to pay. Nobody can escape PAYE or indirect tax. But the collection of the new charge will depend very much on the tax-payer, including students, lodgers and people moving frequently from place to place whom it will be hard to trace. Local authorities will need a list of the names and addresses of everyone liable to pay the charge. How will that be compiled?

Anxions that the new charge should not be called a poll tax, the Government at first seemed to disclaim any intention to use the electoral roll. But it now seems that local authorities may be invited to use the roll as at least one of their sources. This has the grave objection that it could be

an inducement for people to keep their names off the electors' list. The alternative is some kind of census requiring a cooperation which might not always be forthcoming.

Ministers have some ideas for overcoming these diffi-culties. Local authorities would be able to get orders enabling them to deduct the community charge payment in instalments from the earnings of defaulters (and from the social security of non-earners?). But that will place a massive burden on an already over-stretched tax-collecting system, even allowing for computerisation.

There are also to be fines for non-registration, but how is registration to be policed? The Government assumes that it will be in the interests of local authorities to identify those due to pay. But will this really be true of leftist local authorities whose own supporters will be due to pay the charge, after years of not being asked to pay rates?

Payment for lodgers will be dealt with by a special collec-tive charge for which landlords will be liable? But how is this going to catch the many casual and "unofficial" lodgers staying in apparently private homes? In short, this could become a nightmare of new bureaucracy imposed by a Government dedicated to the reverse. It is possible that this well-meant change will be much more damaging to the government than even its former attempts to reform local government. The Conservatives may come to wish they had stuck to some kind of reform that was still based firmly on the visible ownership of property.

REAGAN'S REALPOLITIK

If it had emerged two months lish anything like an alliance or ago that the United States was even to provide the Iraqi air giving intelligence information to the Iraqis so that they might evaluate and improve regarded as little more than a detail confirming the fact.

What has given this report such spice is the genuine they are plainly right. revelation in the intervening period that the United States had also supplied arms to the Iranians, either in order to restore good relations with a strategically important power, or to facilitate the release of American hostages. There is a Gallic touch in the idea of selling high-priced arms to the Iranians, giving the Iraqis the information with which to destroy them, and gaining kudos with both sides as a

It is almost a pity to conclude that this Machiavellian interpretation of US policy is probably a mistaken one. The amount of arms delivered to the Iranians during the brief period of US-Iranian detente was equal to less than one per cent of Iran's total arms purchases over the period - far too little to influence the outcome of the war, to estabforce with a tempting target. The Iragis at least saw the

logic of this since they gratetheir bombing raids against fully continued the intelligence Iran, the news would have relationship after the negotiacaused very little stir. For tions with Iran became public several years the United States knowledge. They apparently has been known to be took the view that the pro-"leaning" towards Iraq in the vision of intelligence informa-Iran-Iraq war and some such tion to them represented a assistance would have been more serious and long-term commitment of American foreign policy than did the provision of arms to Iran. And

The more that is known about President Reagan's approach to Iran, the less it appears to have been inspired by any great strategic design. It seems to have been a catch-all affair, embarked upon by the White House for a number of reasons, principally to secure the release of the hostages through a deal in which arms

were the currency. Tthe "tilt" to Iraq was based on the more secure ground of a common interest in preventing an Iranian victory in the Gulf war. From the American standpoint, this would risk bringing down local pro-Western regimes, destabilising the region generally and giving encouragement to pro-Iranian terrorist groups in the Middle

negotiated settlement would, of course, be the most desirable result. So the pros-

pect of acting as honest broker in such negotiations may well have been among President Reagan's motives in approaching Iran. But it was always a long shot. Negotiations have been obstructed until now by the conviction of the Ayatollah Khomeini's regime that victory is possible and indeed likely, and nothing seemed likely to change that.

Providing intelligence to Iraq could thus be justified on two grounds. By shoring up Iraq, it would at least prevent the damaging consequences of an outright Iranian victory, and it might even produce a stalemate on the battlefield and finally force the Iranians to the conference table. (Something like that may yet happen given recent Iranian reverses.)

If that meant giving assistance to both sides, the White House could comfort itself that such duplicity is not uncommon. The Soviet Union, for instance, supplies arms directly to Iraq, and via Libya and Syria to Iran. In a democracy, however, such manoeuvres are likely to become public knowledge, as this one did yesterday, making the US administration look both hypocritical and foolish, as this one did yesterday. But the folly involved was not the assistance to Iraq, but President Reagan's ill-fated approach to the Ayatollah.

END OF A LONG INNINGS

Reconstruction (NAR) has won a famous victory in Trinidad and Tobago, inflict-ing upon the ruling People's National Movement (PNM) a comprehensive defeat in the islands' general election. Despite government reverses in local elections and a poor showing in the opinion polls, few had predicted such an outcome - which saw the Prime Minister and most of his Cabinet unseated.

The PNM has held power continuously since independence 30 years ago, first under the guiding hand of its founder, Dr Eric Williams, and since his death in 1981, under the outgoing Prime Minister, George Chambers. In the last election five years ago, it trounced a divided opposition at a time of continuing prosperity.

On that occasion, howevr, only 56 per cent of the electorate voted, reflecting partly the shortage of issues. and partly the failure of Trinidad politicians to construct a

coherent opposition. Both these deficiencies have been repaired. Trinidad's economy has fallen on harder times, with the local currency

The National Alliance for devalued by 33 per cent last year, the collapse of several finance houses and rising unemployment. This turn-round for Trinidad's 1.2 million souls, who not so long before were comfortably sustained by a large sugar industry, an exporting offshore oilfield and burgeoning tourism, has come as a shock to the system.

There has been at least an element of bad luck - as with the collapse of the world oil price. But the government has also been criticised for mishandling the oil revenue and for failing both to modernise the sugar industry and to diversify the economy. For one triumphant NAR candidate to declare, as he did last night, that his party's success was a "blow against corruption, vice and immorality" might be putting it a little strongly. But power tends to breed complacency and Trinidad and Tobago (the island where Defoe shipwrecked Robinson Crusoe) has looked

in some need of fresh air. Moreover, the opposition parties have at last got their act together. The NAR - a merger of four existing parties - has managed to break the ethnic mould which had previously

characterised local politics with the blacks and urban Indians traditionally supporting the PNM. This time the accepted divisions have seemed to be no longer valid.

There is unlikely to be any dramatic change in Trinidad's foreign policy. George Chambers was a critic of President Reagan's Grenada intervention three years ago and, more recently, boycotted the controversial England cricket tour. But relations with Britain and the United States have remained for the most part very close. Although geo-graphically closer to the Venezuelan coast, Trinidad's biggest trading partner is the US - and it is hard to see how this can change very markedly.

Such extravagance seems unlikely to be encouraged under the leadership of the new Prime Minister, Mr Arthur Raymond Napoleon Robinson, the Oxford-educated lawver whose Immediate Action Plan will concentrate on uniting the elements in local society and encouraging the middle classes to save and invest. He will need time to prove his mettle. But Trinidad would seem to need him - and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putting Aids in moral context

From Mr R. C. Sopwith Sir, The strength of Mr James Andertoo's remarks, as reported by your Northern Correspondent (December 12), seems to be directed against a society which is not markedly different from its predecessors, nor I fear its likely successors. The wisdom of his remarks in the cootext in which they were made I leave for others to judge, but may I offer three

First, your headlioe, "Andertoo crusade against Aids", is mislead-ing, even mischievous. It now seems logical that where promiscuity occurs, Aids is likely to be a self-inflicted scourge as well as a terrible poison inflicted upon the innocent. But it was

promiscuity and perversion against which Mr Anderton spoke so forcefully, not Aids alone.

Second, Aids is a dreadful warning to be spelt out by policemen or progressives, teachers or temporisers and traditionalists or tempters. It is of no value to set up a "right-wing" versus "left-wing" contest over the rotting corpse of the issue, although it would be naive to deny the differences which exist in diagnosing and dealing with the deep-rooted cause of society's plight.

Third, condemnation does not

necessarily exclude compassion and the Aids sufferer requires as much of the latter as any leper or cancer sufferer, whatever the

cause of the conditor. Restraint is ever-tough to promote, unpopular to promulgate, but after a recent visit to a university's students' union proclaiming "Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Week" I would not only ask Mr Anderton's questions but long that a more spiritual, mental and physical health be the experience of us all. Yours faithfully, R. C. SOPWITH,

Douro, Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire. December 13.

From Dr Max Gammon Sir, Those who reject, as un-caring and un-Christian, Chief Constable Anderton's observations on Aids are confusing the requirement of compassion for the sinner with condonation of the sin.

The patterns of behaviour which have led to the emergence of Aids and which are promoting its spread are repeatedly condemned throughout the Bible. To those who argue that because this behaviour is believed to be widespread it must therefore be accepted as normal it should be answered that on this basis, given time, Aids itself may become "normal". If their opinions are allowed to go unchallenged it almost certainly will. Yours faithfully,

MAX GAMMON. Church Cottage, 92 Southwark Park Road, SE16. December 15.

From Mr Charles Atchley Sir, Of course Mr Anderton's comments about Aids are plain common sense, even if some do not find it convenient to admit it. He has rendered a service in putting the matter so unequivocally before the public.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES ATCHLEY, Jope House, 19 Cecil Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon. December 14.

A prince's role From Mr Kenneth Rose Sir, John Grigg writes of the Abdication (December 11): Edward became, as the new King wished, HRH the Duke of Windsor, and so forfeited the chance of ever becoming MP for Windsor -

or anywhere else. But the Duke did not forfeit a seat in Parliament. As a peer, he could have pursued his quarrel with the Government from an equally public platform: the House of Lords.

It is only a convention, not a rule, that royal dukes do not speak on controversial issues. Until the Duke's death in 1972 a coat peg labelled "HRH The Duke of Windsor" awaited him at Westminster. He chose not to use it. To quote the words of Lord Beaver-brook: "Our cock won't fight." Yours sincerely KENNETH ROSE

38 Brunswick Gardens, W8. December 11.

Access to documents From Mr Maurice Cowling Sir, I do oot believe that historians have a right to see official papers. But I was surprised to read your report (December 12) about the

attempt which Sir Robert Arm-

strong is supposed to be making to prevent publication of Neville Chamberlain's diary.

By the kindness of Mr and Mrs Lloyd, Chamberlain's daughter and son-in-law, I was permitted to xerox it in the early 1970s and to use it freely in *The Impact of* Hitler in 1975 and I understand that it has been freely accessible to

scholars since. Can there be any purpose in bolting the door now? Yours faithfully, MAURICE COWLING Peterhouse, Cambridge.

A leading article on December 1 incorrectly stated that the teaching unions abandoned a "concordat" with Government on teachers' pay. it was the local education authorities who, in 1985, withdrew from an agreement between them and Britain should wish him well. | Government

December 12.

From Dr R. A. Stradling Sir, Bernard Levin is mistaken to assume, in an otherwise trenchant article on December 1, that historically the universities have been amongst the strongest defenders of intellectual freedom. So far from providing (as he puts it) one of the "pillars of the open society", for centuries the English universities safeguarded precisely the opposite. In 16th-century Spain and in Nazi Germany universities took the initiative in persecution of the heterodox, and

As Dr Moritz omitted to point out in his tremulous exculpation of University College, Cardiff (December 5) such proscription was often carried out under sus-tained and fanatical pressure from student bodies. Many victims did not need to provoke by speaking or writing they were sufficiently condemned by Jewish blood.

Modern British institutions have been sheltered from such

storms, but even one of such recent liberal vintage as Mr Levin's own college (the LSE) has by no means an untarnished record on the issues of "free speech" and "no platform".

Ironically at least, I agree with Dr Moritz that Mr Levin might have been more enlightened if he had contacted UCC to find out the full truth behind these events. For the painful fact is that anyone aware of what has been going on at UCC these past 10 years could not be surprised by the absurd agreement which the phrase "hecklers' charter" falls pathetically short of the mark in describing.

It is only one in a sordid series of humiliations imposed by the administration of the college upoo its membership. (The latest is that a year's moratorium on book purchases has been imposed.) Your readers may feel that any academic, whatever his or her loyalty to institution and colleagues, is in greater duty bound to defend certain abstract principles.

The Times has hardly been deluged by outraged letters dis-sociating the teaching staff from these decisions, although actually we have no hand in them, You see, most of us at Cardiff lost our hooour and compromised our

Price of oil

Sir, It is fascinating to see the Bank of England noting the advantages to the Exchequer of a somewhat higher oil price just at a time when Opec are meeting.

It has seemed to me since the marked price fall at the beginning of this year that the low oil price could only be said to be to our national advantage on a very short time perspective, if at all. The time come ment to take the same attitude towards Opec as the Norwegians

where no one can afford to develop new reserves in the North Sea seems contrary to the longterm national interest as well as having been disastrous in the short term for employment in the

Industry and pupils

Peter's School, York Sir, In this last month of Industry Year I have just returned from a joint Services conference at Sandhurst for head teachers, chaired by

come in and interview interested pupils on an individual and continuing basis; they offer us visits from slick and highly pro-fessional presentation teams; they

View of deterrence

Wars (feature, December 2) rests npon four assumptions, all false.

First, that the Russians now have a first-strike capability and can make a nuclear attack on America, knowing that no ade-quate reprisal will follow. Given the impossibility of hitting nuclear

Koran in translation From Mr P. J. Everington

Sir, If the Literary Editor wants to give us his selection of religions (December 10) I suggest he take his shoes off first.

the translation of Holy Writ. There is also an etiquette for treading on other people's holy ground. Yours faithfully.

From Mr E. M. Syddique Sir. Religious tolerance and understanding have not been helped by Philip Howard's piece on the Penguin translation of the Koran. I am astonished and saddened that he should make such an elementary mistake as to refer to the religion of Islam as Muhammedanism. The relationship of Muhammed to Islam is quite different from that of Jesus Christ to Christians. Yours sincerely, E. M. SYDDIQUE (Chairman,

Lewisham and Kent Islamic Centre). 42 St Martins Drive, Evnsford. Dartford, Kent.

Freedom of speech in universities

consciences long ago, having been made indifferent to shame by a process akin to brutalisation. Mr Levin may find this assertioo as difficult to believe as the news that a university had officially banned free speech. He is

> in public. Yours sincerel R. A. STRADLING. 1 Rectory Road, Penarth, South Glamorgan. December 6.

From Mr Christopher Short Sir, I have been handed a copy of the letter from Dr L. A. Moritz, Vice-Principal of University College, Cardiff, in your issue of December 5.

still welcome to come and find out

for himself, so long (of course) as

he doesn't try to open his mouth

I can directly contradict Dr Moritz. He says "the unfortunate events of Mr Enoch Powell's visit ... were unique in this college's history".

This is incorrect. I was an

undergraduate in Cardiff and attended a demonstration against Mr Enoch Powell on November 7, 1968. At that time I was treasurer of the University Socialist Society. Prior to the meeting we had discussed tactics to stop him speaking. My diary for the period states "next week ... the Enoch Powell meeting may be a riot".

We attended his meeting in the

Old Students' Union, Park Place, Cardiff, after picketing the en-trance to the meeting. We caused some chaos inside the meeting, drowning his speech, but then decided to leave and included in our number was Mr Ted Rowlands, who is now the Labour MP

for Merthyr Tydfil.

We then held our own meeting omside and Mr Enoch Powell had to be smuggled out of a back entrance wearing, I recall, a chauffeur's cap as an attempt at disguise, and he was hustled away by an official of the Conservative Association in a Land-Rover parked at a side entrance to the

huilding. Yours faithfully CHRISTOPHER SHORT, 3rd Floor, USDAW Building, 42 Charles Street, Cardiff, Sonth Glamorgan.

industries.

exploration.

Yours faithfuly, COLIN CAMPBELL,

Dunblane, Perthshire.

Kilbryde Castle.

establishments.

Yours faithfully.

St Peter's School.

Head Master,

is arrant nonser

ROBIN PITTMAN,

areas affected and in the implica-

tions for Britain's oil supply boat

fleets and other oil-related service

Oil is oo different from any

other commodity in the sense that its price is dictated by supply and

demand. What is needed is for Opec to join together with other oil exporting countries to agree on

a price policy. It is in the interests

of all, and certainly this country,

for that price level to be one oo the

basis of which it is economic to

Development Agency is saying,

there needs to be a rejig of the tax

regime for oil companies to

encourage a real resumption of

make every effort to invite heads

and careers teachers into Service

in this direction: no presentation

teams, no equivalent of the

Services' liaison officer, few at-

tempts to get head teachers and

their staffs into factories and

board rooms to talk with and be

briefed by senior management.

Are difficult economic con-

ditions and the legitimate pursuit

of profits sufficient excuse for

industry's neglect of those school

opportunities which are so enterprisingly grasped by our Armed Services?

silos before the early warning

system signals that their missiles should be launched, and given the

existence of 5,500 seaborne US

warheads (figures in The Times,

March 12, 1985), this assumption

technology". In fact it has been the

repeated statement of dis-

interested scientists on both sides

of the Atlantic that the project is

either impossible, or not achievable until well into the 2tst

century. Hopes for peace simply

Third, that the Americans will

share all their Star Wars secrets

with the Russians. so that the umbrella will keep the terrible rain

from both sides. This is tanta-mount to saying, "We will keep nuclear weapons because we don't

trust you out to make an attack

with your overwhelming con-

ventional forces; but we now give

you the technology to make them

Fourth, that the only alternative

to mutually assured destruction is

acceptance of Star Wars. In fact

the only real alternative is a

complete zero option: no nuclear weapons to threaten uobom

generations with the barbarity of

leaders have now raised this

possibility. How tragic if the desire

of Mrs Thatcher (and, alas, M

Mitterrand) to stay in some unreal

superpower league should be a

It is interesting that both world

powerless against you."

the present one.

programme less likely.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP PAYNE,

9 Anglesea Road,

Colchester, Essex.

Wivenhoe.

cannot wait that long.

Second, that Star Wars is a stem bound to succeed because

"the onward rosb of

In contrast industry does little

In addition, as the Scottish

From Sir Colin Campbell

have done. To acquiesce in a situation

From the Head Master of St

the Deputy Chief of the Defence

Our 24 hours with senior officers made me reflect on the marked differences in the Services' and industry's approach to keeping in touch with and

recruiting io our schools.

The three Services send as excellent lisison officers who

From Mr Philip Payne Sir, David Hart's defence of Star

Yes, there are criteria of style for

PETER EVERINGTON, 54 St George's Square, SW1. December II.

December 10.

popular game than snooker, thanks largely to the brilliance of an Australian left hander, Walter Lindrum, OBE (1898-1960),

described as the greatest scoring player the game had ever known. He won this tournament, conceding 7,000 in every match defeating Newman in the final by 1,371. Two years later he broke his own record with 4,137, and gave a private exhibition before the King at Buckingham Palace

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ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 17 1980 In the 1930s billiards was a more

BILLIARDS

LINDRUM BEATS ALL RECORDS

W. Lindrum created a new world's record in his game in the international tournament with McConachy at Thurston's Hall yesterday when he increased break of 3 (unfinished) to 3,905. In doing so Lindrum beat his previous highest break of 3,262, which he made last season in London, and also the break of 3,304 made by W. J. Peall so long. ago as 1890, when the spot stroke was not restricted. Lindrum played all through the afternoon session, at the end of which the break had realized 2,378 (unfinished), and altogether he was playing approximately for three hours in making the break, at the end of which having lost the white, he left his opponent in double balk. In the course of the day Lindrum reduced McConachy's lead from 5,160 to

If Lindrum is able to win this match, after all, it will represent one of the greatest achievements of his career. Lindrum has beaten all of his opponents by a large margin, on level terms, but the concession of a long start is a bigger test than if a match on level terms had been

won by a corresponding margin Lindrum's play was so accurate that the only real difficulty he experienced in scoring the first 1,000 points was when he had to make a difficult *masse* stroke at the end of a rum of tt0 cannons . . . After reaching four figures Lindrum scored with the same case in the top-of-the-table game. Al-though there had been so much cannon play, there was never any suggestion of monotony . . . When the break had been increased to 1,137 Lindrum had to make a cannon by playing on to the side cushion first, but the stroke was made so accurately that he was able to continue without the slightest trouble. At 1,271 there appeared to be a considerable prospect of the break ending. A kiss caused the balls to run very badly... Lindrum's artistry was so pronounced that the spectators ap-plauded him repeatedly for the cleverness of his play, and when he completed the second 1,000 there was prolonged applause, and, what is a little unusual in a billiard hall, a good deal of cheering. Lindrum was 1,000 points, but he scored the 2,000 points in an hour and a half and went on to play out time with what is undoubtedly one of the greatest breaks of his career . . .

The scores at the interval were:-McConachy (receives 7,000) 17,552; Lindrum (in play) 14,767. When he continued the break in the evening Lindrum added nearly 100 points, largely by losing hazard play. He got the balls to the top of the table, but played a cannon so gently that the balls touched and were spotted . . . In scoring the first 300 points Lindrum seemed to play with a little more deliberation than usual, but he played all the time with the greatest confidence Although he experienced minor difficulties, Lindrum was never in any actual trouble . . Lindrum's judgment in the strength of his strokes almost invariably was

The break had a curious, and perhaps a slightly unlucky, ending. Lindrum was playing a middle-pocket loser when the two object balls were almost touching. He played rather sharply at the stroke and missed it, but sorred by means of a thin carroor. The balls of a thin cannon. The balls were left in a bad position and, although Lindram made a very good cushion cannon, he lost the white in doing so, and in the end he left a double balk when the break had realize

3,905.
The closing scores were McConachy (receives 7,000) (in play) 17,676; Lindrum 16,508.

Helping charities From Miss Edna Smith

Sir, Throughout the year, even more so now Christmas is near, my post has contained innumerable appeals from an assortment of charities large and small, known and unknown to me, From some, identical packages arrived two or three times and once four times in under two weeks.

In one of the charity Christmas card shops I noticed that some were under the umbrella name "Help" and benefited a number of smaller charities. Could something similar be arranged for appeals, to reduce their costs? I for one would welcome a way of helping effectively some of the smaller charities. Yours faithfully, EDNA SMITH,

111 Warwick Way, SW1. December 4.

Odds-on chance

From Mrs Jacqueline Welchman Sir, On Sunday evening my husband and I went home by taxi from Charing Cross to Putney. On Tuesday evening we caught a taxi home from Grosvenor Square to. Putney. When we were inside the taxi we all realized that it was the

factor in making such a sane same taxi again. What are the odds of this happening?
Yours faithfully,
JACOUELINE WELCHMAN, 11 Holmbush Road, SW15. December 10.

Memorial services



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 16: Admiral Sir William O'Brien had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Vice-Admiral of the

United Kingdom. Her Majesty held a Council at 12.30 pm.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Young of Graffham (Secretary of State for Employment), the Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Right Hon Malcolm Piffind MP (Secretary of State) Rifkind, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Right Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP (Secretary of State for the Environment) and the Right Hon Paul Channon, MP (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry). Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the

Council. The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Right Hon Margaret hatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen was represented by Lord Porchester (Racing Manager) at the Memorial Service for Sir Gordon Richards which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster, today.

Mrs John Dugdale has suc-ceeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 16: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Quantel Ltd. 31 Turnpike Road. Newhury, Berkshire. Afterwards, His Royal Highness visited Research Machines, Chi

Valiant for Truth Media Award

General Eva Burrows, Salvation Army, presented the 1986 Valant for Truth Media Award at the Arts Club yesterday to Mr Mohamed Amin, Head of Af-rican Visnews, "for so fearlessly forcing the world to face the truth about African famine that governments had to take action and the public made an unprece-dented response and for currently continuing courageous camera coverage of the homeless and hungry all over the

The Marchioness of Lothian presided on behalf of the Order of Christian Unity. Mr lain

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Birthdays today

Mr Robert Montague Hall, of Market Harborough, Leicester-shire, company director, left estate valued at £1,095,634 net. Dame Mary Cartwright, 86; Mr Christopher Cazenove, 41: Lord Glenamara, CH, 74: Lord McFadzean, 83: Major-General Sir Robert Neville, 90: Mr Kerry Mr Ernest William Cooper, of Middleton St George, Co Dur-ham, left estate valued at £1,126,069 net.

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Mill Street. Botlev Road. Oxford. The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Rupert Fairfax, travelled in an aircraft of The

Queen's Flight. His Royal Highness this evening attended an English Cham-ber Orchestra and Music Society Concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1.

Mr Humphrey Mews was in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 16: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Anglian Regiment, this after-noon received Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst on relinquishing the appointment as Deputy Colonel of The Regiment and Brigadier Patrick Stone on assuming the

Commodore, Royal Ulster Yacht Club, was entertained to Luncheon today by the Vice-Commodore (Mr D.B. Johnson) and Officers of the Club at Royal Thames Yacht Cluh, Knightsbridge, London SW1. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 16: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a Concert held in Westminste Abbey to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Richard Dimhleby Cancer Fund. Lady Mary Mumford was in

The Marchioness of Douro gave birth to a daughter in London

Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton sends his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his old comrades, colleagues and friends. Because of his age he will not be sending istmas cards this year.

Lindsay-Smith and Mr Peter

Mr Charles Douglas-Home, the former Editor of The Times.

who died last year, was shortlisted for the award.

Among those present were.

Miss Kaie Adie, Mrs Mohamed Amin,
Mr Salim Arian, Miss Jane Bowai,
Miss Sandra Brown. Mr Ernest
Burfinston, the Countess of Dallerth,
Miss Mikk Doyle, Mr Ahmad Fawai,
Sir Edward Fort, Miss Helen Franks.
Mr Paut Gambactini. Miss Patricia
Gregory, Miss Frances Gumley. Mr
Brian Hayes, Mr Gordon Heald, Miss
Pamela Holmes, Mr Trevor Evet.
Miss Borollby Knya. Mr Julian Kerr.
Miss Borollby Knya. Mr Julian Kerr.

in Hayes, Mr Labourt Hyett slanet Johnstone, Mr Trevor Hyett slanet Johnstone, Mr Julian Kert s Dorolly Kuya. It Ken Laird, Miss Maureen Laker s Frederica Lord, the Marquess o tilan, Mr and Mrs lan McIntyre Ross McWhitter, Miss Fion Ross McWhitter, Miss Fion Ross McWhitter, Miss Fion

Among those present were:

Searle also spoke.

Luncheons

present were:

Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon in honour of the Uroguayan Ambassador held at Lancaster House yesterday.

Mr F.S. Low Mr Frank S. Law gave a luncheon at Boodic's yesterday. The guests were:

I Be guesis were;
Baron R von Wechmar, Mr Norman
Fowier, MP, Mr H H Blandford, Mr
Kingman Brewster, Mr R H W
Bullott, Lord Chalifont, Sir Reaneth
Cork, Mr G C a Dodds, Sir Michael
Erwardes, Mr J E Fleming, Mr M J E
Five. Mr Mr F Fleming, Mr M J E
Fixe. Mr Mr C G
Lim, Sir Daniel Petti, Dr J Mr Rae, Mr
R Rogers, Mr F M Russell, Mr O
Sainsbury, Mr N Scott, Mp, Sir
Ronald Swayne, Sir Cristin Tickell,
Sir Peter Thomuson and Baron R
Vaes.

British-American Chamber of

The British-American Chamber of Commerce beld their annual Christmas luncheon yesterday at the Dorcester hotel, The president, Mr Colin J. Draper presided. Others present were Lord Ezra, Sir David Plastow

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eighteenth century virtuoso and amateur artist, Mathew Robin-

son, and his wife by Gawen Hamilton, who was considered

Hogarth's rival and indeed su-

perior in painting conversation pieces, was bought by Leger for

(Photograph: James Gray).

Mr R.N.M. Armitage
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Mr Richard Armitage was
held at S1_Giles-in-the-Field yesterday. The Rev Gordon Taylor officiated and Mr David Frost read the lesson.

Mr Robert Lindsay read Bright Morning, Mr Richard Stilgoe read A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning by John Doune and Mr Stephen Fry read

Men of the Turf: Mr Willie Carson (left), Mr Geoff Lewis and Mr Scobie Breasley outside St Margaret's yesterday from Nicholas Nickleby by Charles Dickens, Mr Bill Cotton gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Charles Armulage

Miss Lotraine Chase. Mr Rowan Atkinson. Mrs & A Hollingsworth. Miss F A Hollingsworth. Mr and Mrs Peter Bowles. Mr Patrick ice (Theatre investment Trust). Mr Louis Benjamin. Mr John Cohen. Mr Tim Rice. Mr Michael Codron. Mrs Nirolas Barling. Mr Toby Rowland. Mr John Hang (Granada Television). Mr and Mrs Frank Thornico, Mr Gooff Love. Miss Cipelle Spanler. Nilss Lysula Smith. Mr Deter Steffers. Mr G Lairence Harbottle. Mrs Paul Gallco. Mr and Mrs K Stephenson. Mr and Mrs K Stephenson. Mr And Mrs Stephenson. Mr And Mrs Stephen Gorlieb. Mr Richard Elake Raker Rooke', and Mr and Mrs Mrsker Stephen.

Sale room

Gift horse becomes winner

By Huon Mallalieu

£27,500 (estimate £7,000-£10,000).

A wedding present proved to have been rather more valuable than the donors might have Another work to exceed its expected in a sale of British paintings at Phillips yesterday. It was a portrait of a hay hunter together with a pug dog and a hlack and tan terrier painted by Beajamin Marshall in 1799. The horse had a side-saddle and there were indications of a country house in the background. The painting had been given to the vendor's parents in 1926, and yesterday it went to the sporting dealer Ackermann at £104.500 (estimate £50,000-£80,000).

A charming portrait of the eighteenth century virtues o and expected in a sale of British estimate by a wide margin was a wooded river landscape by the Norwich School painter. James Stark, which reached £23,100 (estimate £3,000-£5,000). The sale made a total of £519,959 with 15 per cent bought in. At Christie's a sale of Euro-

pean sculpture and works of art produced a total of £706,244 with 18 per cent bought in. A little round walrus ivory games piece, much like a draughtsman, carved with Samson in the Philistine prison sold for £88.000 (estimate £20,000-£30,000). It dated from the twelfth century and was carved in Cologne.

Despite the embarrassment of the drawings in the dustbin, reported at the weekend, the sale per cent bought in.

of architectural drawings and English water colours at Christie's went well.

The group associated with the eighteenth century Birmingham industrialist Matthew Bolton and the inventor, James Watt, produced £88,908, more than half of which was paid by the Birmingham public library.

The drawings had belonged to the late Major Enstace Robb, of Great Tew, Oxfordshire, a descendant of Bokon, and several of them were designs for Bolton's Soho House near Bir-

The predominantly Victorian English water-colours on offer sold remarkably well, with £28,600 paid for Romeo and Juliet by Ford Madex Brown (estimate £5,000-£10,000). This sale produced £285,534 with 10

Forthcoming marriages

Viscount Allendale and Mrs A.M. Barclay The engagement is announced between Wentworth Beaumont, of Bywell Hall, Stocksfield, Northumberland and Angela Mary Barclay, of 134 Somerset Road, Wimbledon, SW19.

Mr R.P. Hanbury
and Miss R.E. Brown
The engagement is announced
between Rupert Peter, son of Mr
and Mrs Peter Hanbury, of
Adderney, and Rosemary Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Stephen
and Lady Brown, of Harborne,
Rirminsham.

Mr M.C.J. Baddeley and Miss B.S. Alfille The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Baddeley, of Great Waltham, Essex, and Brigette, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Alfille, of Wadhurst, East

and Miss D. Jarvis

and Miss D. Jarvis
The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George K. Bird III., of Boston, Massachusetts, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas E. Jarvis, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr J.A.H.R. Graham

Mr J.A.H.K. Graham and Frintein B.B. Schmitz The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Graham, of Beckley, East Sussex, and Beate, younger daughter of Herr and Fran Paul Theodor Schmitz, of Ulm, Bavaria.

Mr C. Haskins and Miss L. Gibbs The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr David Haskins, of Oatlands, Wicklow, and of Mrs Gillian

Isberwood, 51 Willowfield, Park Avenue, Dublin 4, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gibbs, St Columba's College, Dublin 16. Mr G. Hill-Cousins
and Miss M.P. Canacho
The engagement is announced
between Graham, son of Mr and
Mrs B. Hill-Cousins, of West

Howe, Bournemouth, and Ma-

ria Paula, daughter of Mrs M.G. Camacho. of Springbourne. Bournemouth.

Dinners

Corporation of London The Corporation of London gave a dinner at the Mansion House last night in honour of Herr Eberhard Diepgen, the Governing Mayor of Berlin, and rau Diepgen. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs accompanied by their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were: The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Dermany and Baroness von Wechmar, Baroness Young (Min-ister of Stale for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Dr Geof-

Mr R.P. Hubbard and Miss O.H.W. Grubb The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T.F. Hubbard, of hand at choreography with Renard, given on the same 15 Rue Cler, Paris, and Olivia, Diaghilev's death that sumyoungest dangliter of Mr and Mrs R.E.W. Grubb, of Mayes House, near East Grinstead,

Mr K. Jakobsea
and Dr A. Mitchell
The engagement is announced
between Kasper, younger son of
the late Mr Tage Jakobsen and Mrs Greie Jakohsen, of Holback, Denmark, and Angela, elder daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs G.C. Mitchell, of Willowpoot, Curdridge, Curdridge, Southampton.

Mr M.C.D. Pilkington and Miss C.M. Baring The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Pilkington, of Stanstead Abbotts, Hertfordshire, and Clarissa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin

Mr T.A. Sutters
and Miss S.J. Houghton
The engagement is announced
between Trevor Anthony, only
son of Mr and Mrs S.F. Sutters,
of Richmond, Surrey, and
Stephanie Jayne, elder daughter
of Mr and Mrs E. Houghton, of
Churt, Surrey.

Baring, of West Malling, Kent.

Marriages Major W.J. O'Comor and Miss I.M. Macdonald

The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 10 in Perth, between Major W.J. O'Connor, of Springwells, Dunkeld, and Miss t.M. Macdonald, of Redcliff, Portree, Isle of Slow

Mr D.J. Snoddon

and Miss J.J. Worsley
The marriage took place quietly
in London yesterday, between
Mr David Snoddon, second son
of the late Mr J. Snoddon and of Mrs J. Snoddon, of North Bay, Ontario, Canada, and Miss Joanna Worsley, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F.E. Worsley, of Shelvingstone, Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire.

Pezabroke College, Oxford

On Thursday, December 11,

on Inusday, December II, a dinner was given at the British Embassy in Washington, by permission of the British Amhassador, Sir Antony Acland, by the Pembroke College Foundation in honour of Senator J. William Fulbright, Alumnus of Pembroke College. Alumnus of Pembroke College, Oxford. The chairman of the foundation. Senator Richard G. Lugar, Sir Antony Acland, Senator Fullright and Sir Roger Bannister, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, were the

Colourful lord of the dance Serge Lifar. Russian-born mer. Lifar was engaged for the leading role in Beethoven's Creatures of Prometheus at the Lifar thrust himself into a Paris Opera. Balanchine. after starting the choreography, fell gravely ill. With his encourbeauty, ambition, unremitting agement, Lifar completed it and had such success that he was offered, and accepted, the post of ballet master that enough of that to hold the Balanchine had hoped for.

OBITUARY

ballet dancer, died on Decem-

leading position in the ballet

of his time by a mixture of

hard work and entirely un-

scrupulous opportunism. If

limelight, first with the Dia-

he wished the public to be-

lieve, were still very

Lifar was born in Kiev on

rupted by war and revolution.

dance studio where Bronis-

She would not take him as a

apparent to others, Diaghilev

arranged intensive studies for

the young man with leading

teachers, notably Cecchetti,

and soon Lifar began taking

The first was as Boree in the

creation of Massine's Zephire et Flore (1925), with Dolin

and Nikitina in the title parts.

Massine's Les Matelots and

and The Prodigal Son (1929).

If Lifar had never done any-

thing else, those two works

would have kept his memory

alive: two contrasted but

equally magnificent ways of

ately squashed to accentuate

his oriental strain), compel-ling personality and vividly

Diagbilev let Lifar try his

expressive manner.

solo roles.

At 16, he chanced upon the

ber 16, aged 81.

decades.

considerable.

SERGE LIFAR

BRIDE

talent came afterwards, he had Thereafter, with only occasional and not particularly ghilev Russian Ballet and successful excursions to dance afterwards as the inspiring and stage ballets elsewhere leader of the Ballet de l'Opéra in Paris for more than three Lifar's career was linked mainly to Paris as director, choreographer, teacher and star dancer. He staged some As dancer, choreographer and director he attracted con-60 original ballets for the troversy, and when none came Opéra besides reviving a few naturally he was not averse by Fokine and some Petipa from inciting it. Yet his achievements, if less vast than and Ivanov extracts.

It was characteristic of Lifar that his own version of L'Après-midi d'un faune had no room for any nymphs, only April 2, 1905, into a prosper-ous family. His spoiled, un-ruly childhood was interhimself. But his egoism did not turn the Ballet de l'Opéra contrary: he restored technical standards, brought on other dancers (including some notalava Nijinska was teaching ble ballerinas), insisted on regular performances for the company and established its standing with the Parisian

private pupil hut he enrolled for the free open classes she was giving at a state school. Soon afterwards, she was audience. After the Liberation, he had to leave because of tactless summoned to rejoin the Diabehaviour during the German ghilev Ballet in western Europe. When they were short Occupation which led to charges of collaboration. of male dancers in 1922, she cabled for some of her best These were never pressed nor proved (he was probably reck- 31 pupils to come from Kiev, and Lifar (who was not on her list) less rather than culpable) but added himself to the party. Litar's lack of skill and caused ill-will for a long time. Nevertheless, after two or three years with the Nouveaux experience was obvious, but Diaghilev was captivated by Ballets de Monte-Carlo, Lifar his exotic good looks, his was called back by Georges eagerness and dedication. De-Hirsch and resumed his duries tecting a flair that was not

until 1958. Very few of his ballets have remained in the repertory at the Opera since his retirement, and even fewer have had much circulation elsewhere. Only two were ever taken up by British com-panies. A duet version of Romeo and Juliet, to Tchaikovsky's overture, was given by Metropolitan Ballet in the 1940s, and the classical show-Balanchine's Barabau fol-lowed before the year was out. Then in 1926 Nijinska's piece Noir et Blanc has been revived several times by the Festival Balle1

Romeo and Juliet en ballet. partnering Karsavina, and Balanchine's La Pastorale and Nevertheless, Lifar never entirely left the public eye. He The Triumph of Neptune. The distinctive Lifaresque glamour and heroic manner began founded a Université de la Danse, awarded each year a Prix Nijinsky to honour a to emerge with La Chatte (Balanchine, 1927). male dancer (it carried no material reward to supple-Lifar next created leading ment its prestige), coached parts in two unusual producdancers in their roles and tions by Massine, Le Pas d'Acler and Ode, before Balancontinued the prolific career as an author which he had chine made for him two of the begun during his dancing greatest male roles in the days, writing books of history, history of ballet, Apollo (1928) biography and theory.

Sometimes he caught the headlines in more spectacular ways: over a duel with the late Marquis de Cuevas, for instance, or by arranging for Nijinksy's body to be taken to using his handsome physique, Paris from its original burial striking features (the more so ground in England, so that it since having his nose deliber- could lie beside that of the great Vestris in Père Lachaise (where he had thoughtfully arranged a plot for himself

He recently presented a quantity of his memorahilia to the city of Lausanne, where night as Prodigal Son. After they are now being exhibited. He was unmarried.

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MR DAVID GUTHRIE-JAMES

Mr David Guthrie-James, MBE, DSC, who died on December 15 at the age of 66, was Conservative MP, successively, for Brighton Kemp Town and Dorset North. This was after an adventurous war in the RNVR in which he was sunk in the North Sea and subsequently escaped from a German prison camp. He also wrote a number of books.

He was born David James on Christmas Day, 1919, and educated at Eton. In 1937 he went to sea before the mast in the Finnish four-masted harque, Viking, and took part in one of the last grain races from Australia in 1938.

Back in England he went to Balliol, but at the outbreak of war joined the RNVR. After the fall of France he served in motor gun boats operating out of Felixstowe. In these speedy vessels, he enjoyed what he was later to describe as two "grand" years, harrying Ger-man coastal defences and

shipping. This exhilarating course was brought to an end on a winter's night in 1943 when his MGB was sunk, and he was rescued from the freezing water by the Germans. Put in a PoW camp he immediately set about escaping

His first sortie beyond the wire was as one Lieutenant Bagerof, of the Bulgarian Navy. This improbable disguise served him well enough for a time, and had the merits of explaining away the inade-quacies of his German. But a sharp-eyed Gestapo officer noticed discrepancies in his forged papers and he was recaptured

His second attempt was as a Swedish sailor, and in this guise he reached a Baltic port, where he stowed away aboard a ship and made the passage to Sweden lying prone under one of her boilers. These escapades are humorously recounted in A Prisoner's Progress (1946). Returning to England he

was made a lecturer in the naval intelligence department. where he briefed invasion forces on German intelligence techniques and escape

After the end of the war he went with an Antarctic expedition to Graham Land in December 1945, before being demobilised from the RNVR the following year.

Adventure and the Antarctic still called him, and in 1946 he returned as Polar adviser to the film, Scott of the Antarctic. He described these experiences in That Frozen Land (1952), a book of understated, common-sense judgements which nevertheless sharply convey the affinity he felt for those trackless wastes.

In 1951 he joined the publishers Burns & Oates and continued his own career as an author. His biography, Lord Roberts, which appeared in 1954, was widely praised for the use it made of recently available personal papers.

Among other books he edited were The Wavy Navy (1948), about the wartime RNVR, and Outward Bound (1957), something in the nature of an interim report on the movement to that date. Besides his membership of the council of the Outward Bound Trust he was, from 1953 to 1965, a trustee of the National Maritime Museum.

From 1959, he was Conservative MP for the Kemp Town Division of Brighton, a seat he lost to Labour by the narrowest of margins - seven votes - at the general election of 1964.

In 1970 he stood again in Dorset North and held the seat for nine years, giving it up to concentrate on developing the maternal family home. Torosay Castle on the Isle of Mull, and taking the name

As a Parliamentarian, as in his constituencies, he was forthright and highly individ-ual. In the leadership contest of 1975, he told a constituency meeting, which had voted by 74 per cent for Mr Heath, that he intended to ignore their wishes and vote for Mrs

He married, in 1950, the Hon Jaquetta Digby. They had four sons and two daugh-

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GOPMER On December 11th, at
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son Guy David Charles.

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COYER - On December 12th, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, to Jessica unee Fenn) and Chris, a daughier Kale.

FARQUMAR - On December 11th 1986 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Healther and Will, a daughier, Fiona Lindsay Margol, a sister for Kirstie FERRES - On December 11th, at Maid-stone, to Kathryn and Brian, a daughter, Juliet, a sister for Susanna, FOGEL - On December 14th, to Tania the Kornberg) and Shlomo, a daughter, Gabriella Leah Eller.

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ter, Gabriella Leah Eller, GREENWOOD: On December 11th, in Hone Kong, to Carmel and John, a daughter Charlotte Elizabeth, MARKENGTON: On September 20th 1986, al Exeter, to Catriona and Jonathan, a daughter Clarissa Agnes, MICRLS: On December 13th, to Edwinz Inée Portmani and Tim, a daughter Camilla.

ince Portmani and Tim. a daughter Camilla.

MCGOWAN - on December 15th 1986, al St Lukes Hospital, Guildford to Su-san (nee Fosberry) and Michael, a son, William Michael

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Io Flona thee McEnroy) and Peter. a
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and Chris, a son Simon James, brother for Oliver and Nicholas.
SAUNT - On December 12th, to Thomas and Maria (Valentine) a son
Anthony William Valentine, a brother for Katherine and Edward.
VANA PORTINGEN. On December 15th

er for Kalherine and Edward.

VON PREDISSEN - On December 15th, al the Portland Hospital. to Victoria and Nicholas. a daughter.

WALTERS - On December 15th 1986, al Queen Charlotte's Hospital. to Nicola the Prinson! and John. a daughter (Philippa Holity). a sister for Alexa.

WEAVER - On December 15th, in Tours. to Espeth (née Bolus) and Simon, a son Otiver Rupert.

WILLIAMS - On December 15th, to Alice unée St. John) and Hollin. a son Patrick Alfred Geoffrey. A brother for Emily. Florence and Martha. Del Gratia.

MARRIAGES wilkinson/Briggs On December 6th, in Sussex, Simon to Sarah Elizabeth.

DEATHS

BALDOCK - On December 14th, Molile. dearly inved wife of Newman, mother of Sue and Liz and Crannie of Charlotte, Oliver, David, Christian and Thomas, Funeral service at St. Many's Parish Chruch, Goring-by-Sca. Worthing at 3.00pm Friday 19th of December, followed by a prisate Crangling, Englished & H.D.

Sca. Worthing at 3.00pm Friday 19th of December, followed by a private Cremation. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., Worthing 34516

CROWTHER On Monday December 15th. peacefully at home. Shella Mary, beloved wife of Duke and mother of Sally and Michael, Service on Monday 22nd December at Moritake Crematorium, 12,00 noon. Flowers to James Fletcher. 129 Shepherds Bush Road. London W6. OAVIS On December 12th. peacefully. Catherine Wendy of Beckenham. Beloved wife of Roy, devoted mother of Susan. Alfson and Stephen, much loved granny of Amanda. Funeral service on Thursday 18th December at St. George's Church. Beckenham at 100th, followed by Interment at Emters End Cemetery. Floral tributes to Francis Chappell, Funeral Oirce-iors. High Street. Beckenham.

a shori liness. Nicley, befored wife of Sandy, much loved mother of Richard. Caroline and Lucinda and adored grandmother of Julian. Cassandra. Claudia. Eleanor, Humphrey. Alice and Ludovic. Fu-Humphrey, Alice and Ludovic, Fu-neral on Friday 19th Occember at 12 noon at Ali Satnts, Wightii, Family Rowers only, Donations, if destred, to the labric fund of Ali Satnts Church, Wighill, c/o Mr Ivor Wor-thy, Church Cottage, Wighill, Tadcaster, North Yorks, GERRARD. On December 13th, peacefully at the Blackheath Hospital. London SE3 forthfied by the Last Ribro of the Holy Church. John Joseph (Jark) Major B.E.M., D.S.M., Royal Signals (retired). Formerly of the Sultans Armed Forces, Oman. Late of Taylor Woodrow International IOman) and Jarey of Cyprus. Beloved husband of Margaret. Joving failer of Barbara. dear Grandad of James. Natasha and father-in-law and ally of Richard. Requiem Mass at SI Mary's RC Church. Cresswell Park. Blackheath SE3 on Thursday 18th December at 12 noon, followed by interment at Hither Green Cemelery. Flowers will be welcome but if preferred donaltons please as he would have wished to the Royal Signals Association. 56 Repency Sheet. London SWIP 4AB. All further details from Francis Chappell and Sons. 4 Lee High Rd. SE13. Tel 01 852 2936. Jack will be sadly missed by his devoted family and the many who knew him. He would not want us to mourn his passing so let us instead remember this remarkable man with love and affection and raise a glass to his memory. Rife.

HARRISON On December 16th, peacefully at Taunton, Timothy David Harrison of Windmill Cottage, North Curry Taunton 1964 61 years, Funeral al North Curry Parish Church, Thursday 16th December at 3pm. Donations if desired for North Curry Church Organ Fund. c/o Leonard E. Smith, Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton.

HART On December 14th, Michael Hart, F.C.A. of The Watergardens, London, in St Mary's Hospital, Pad-dington, after a short illness. Cremation Golders Green West Cha-pel. Thursday December 18th

HERBERT - On December 13th, stud-denly at Kingston Hospital. Charles Cyril Bingley. Husband of the late Mamie. Cremation at Mortzale on Friday 19th December at 9am.

MOOD: On December 14th, peacefully al home in Bristol, Sir Tom Hood R.B.E. C.B. aged 82, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Thanksgiving service al Si Stephens in the City. Bristol, on Friday 19th December at 2.00pm, followed by a privale cremation, Please no letters and family flowers only.

HURD - On 14th December 1986.
Derrick Guy Edmund M.A., J.P., 1994 58, Headmaster European School Cuttham, peacefully in Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Memorial Service 14.46 Priday 22rd January 1987 at St Helen's Church Ablingdon. Donations to Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ornond Street, London WC1 N38R.

JAMES - see GUTHRIE-JAMES
GUTHRIE-AMIES - On December
15th, al home with deep faith and
hope, David, much loved son, basband, father and grandfather,
Funeral private, Memorial service to
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JONES - On December 16th, suddenly at home. Harry Jones, F.R.S., much loved hushand of Molty and devoted cather of Angels, Diama, Christopher and his grandchildren, Funeral de-tails, T H Sanders and Son Ltd., Tei: O1 876 4673.

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MICHOLS - On December 11th, after MCGIOLS - On December 11th, after a short liness, Philip Jolly aged 77 years, husband of Ruth, Family cremation followed by service at \$1 Leonard's Church, Haitleid, Herefordshire 11.45am Saturday December 20th, No Bowers, domation, appreciated to M.L.N.D., 22 Harley St. London WIN 25D

OROLENSKY UNDERWOOD - On Deaged 40, daughter of Prince Alexis
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Ormond Street. WC1. O'SULLIVAN - On December 11th. OFULIWAN - On December 11th, suddenly at home, Mary, very dear wife of John and mother of Shella, Anthony and Michael, Funeral service at St Benedicts, Ealing, on December 19th at 10am, Followed by private burial. No flowers please: If wished donations to Musicular Dystrophy, Macaulay Road, 6W4.

PAYNTER - On December 14th, in hos-pital, Kathleen Mary, aged 93 years, of 18 Kent Road North, Harrogate, Youngest and last surviving daugh-ler of the late Charles and Emily Paynter. Service at St. Wilfrich, Paynter. Service at St. Wilfrich, Paynter. Service at St. Wilfrich, Paynter. Service at 25th, Followed by private corenation. Flowers may be private corenation. Flowers may be private cremation. Flowers may be sent to A. Vause and Sone Harrogale.

RAY - On December 12th, at City and Ceneral Hospital, Newcastle-under-Lyme, John Hubert, husband of Brends, stephisher of Peggy and Car-ol and father of Nigol.

SANSON - On December 13th, peace-fully at home. Caroline Jane, aged 3 years, daughter of Clare and Donald and sister of Robert, Funeral acryice at Moly Trinity Church, Southend Crescent, Eltham, London SSP, on Friday December 19th at 10.48am, Family Rowers only please, but if de-sired donallons may be sent to Birthright 27 Sussex Place, London NW1 4SP, or to the Paedistric Fund. care of Prof J W Scopes, St Thomas' Hospital London SE1 7EH.

SHERREN - On December 14th 1986, al Hove Sussex, Veere George O.B.E. beloved husband of Frieda (Freddie) and faiher of Graham and Potricia. Cremation at Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday 18th December at 2pm. No flowers please. Donations to Cancer Research Care of Attree and Keni Ltd., 108 Church Road, Hove.

SASTR - On Thursday December 11th1986, suddenly. Herbert Wil-ham (Robert) of Asarbella Anginering, Husband of the laig Ma-ria, beloved brother of Joan Herman, Service at Worthing crematorium Friday 19th December at 12.30pm.

They - On December 16th 1986, peacefully, at Silverdale Court Nursing Home, Dorothy aged 85, beloved wife of the late Herbert Tiley and mother of Roy. Funeral service 3.00pm December 23rd at Beckenham Crematorium, Family flowers only.

WARD - On December 12th 1986, in Ealing, Keith Edwin, a much loved brother of Rito and under of Cillian. Brian and Frances. Funeral at Mortiaks Crematorium, Friday 19th December 2.00pm, Family Rowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

WEALE - On December 16th 1986, peacefully at home after a loop liness, courageously fought. Bianche, Beloved wife of Eriz, address mother of Anthony, Anne, Peter and Robert and someone very special to her ten grandchildren. Requiem Mass at S. Michaels Roman Catholic Church, 18 Peppard Road, Sonsing Corunon, Reading at 2pm on Monday 22nd December 1996, followed by burnist at the cemetery. Henley Road, Caversham, Reading.

WHITHY - On December 14th, page-fully. (W S) Bill of Menco 1.td., Menorca and formerly Warrington. cally as a result of a car actident in Mahaga. Spain. Ewa Williams (née Buntyrista) of Gibraiter and London. Cremation in Spatin. A tremortal ser-vice to London to be amnounced.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

REMCII - A Methorial Service will be beld for Ruth French, FRAD, on Tuesday Jamiary 6th 1987 at 1 lam at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

SAYERS - Denoiny L. December 17th 1957, 'It's the work you're doing that really counts' (Gaudy Night) Dorothy L. Sayers Society after 10 years.

Air rank appointments Appointments in

Air Vice-Marshal L.A. Jones to be Air Member for Personnel in March 1987, io the rank of air marshal, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Anthooy Skingsley. This appointment carries with it membership of the Air Force
Board of the Defence Council.
Air Vice-Marshal R.J.
Kemball to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence) in March 1987, in succession to Rear Admiral T.M. Bevan. Air Vice-Marshal G.C. Wil-

Air Vice-Marshal G.C. Williams to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff Operational Requirements (Air Systems) on December 19, io succession to Air Vice-Marshal M.K. Adams. Air Vice-Marshal M.G. Simmoos to be Assistant Chief of the Air Staff io March 1987, isuccession to Air Vice-Marshal L.A. Jones.

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Ar Vice-Marshal D.W. Henn to be Director General of Personal Services (RAF) in February 1987, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal K.A. Cambell of Air Vice-Marshal K.A. Cambell to be Air Officer Commanding Mainte-

nance, Headquartes Royal Air Force Support Command in March 1987, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal 7.P. White, who is reliting from the Air Commodore A L Roberts to be Chief of Staff, Headquarters No 1B Group in February 1987, to the rank of air vice-marshal, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal D.W. Hamm.
Air Commodore C.J. Thomson to be Air Officer Commanding No 1 Croup in February 1987. In the rank of air vice-marshal, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal III. Screening to Air Vice-Marshal III. Screening to Air Vice-Marshal III. Screening to Air Commodore W.R.J. Fewing.
Air Commodore W.R.J. Fewing to be Director of Engineering Policy (RAF) in March 1987, in succession to Air Commodore W.R.J. Fewing.
Air Commodore W.R.J. Fewing to be Director of Aircraft Engineering 2 (RAF) in April 1987, in auccession to Air Commodore J.A. Rixon who is reliting.

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Air Commodore D.M. Waiter to be Air Commodore Supply and Move ments. Headquarters Strike Command on December 19. to succession to Air Commodore Air Johnson Qets to be Principal Medical Officer. Royal Air Force Germany on December 18.

Science report

Cameloids finding favour in the Andes

By David Nicholson-Lord

to half the spread of deserts oo the uplands of the central Andes and provide local people with a reliable source of food and income.

Their chief target is sheep. that staple of Western bus-bandry which shocked the lineas when it was introduced by the Spanish conquistadors. "This animal", they said, "has the mouth and feet of the devil".

Time has proved the lineas right. Sheep, it appears, do not suit the Andean uplands. The runtish remnants of the conquistadors' animals and those of later introductions yield little milk and poor meat. They are also rapidly denuding the fragile pastures, leading to erosion and descrification.

The Peruvisos' attention is thus furning to a group of native animals favoured by the Incas and known, inelegantly. as cameloids.

The cameloids cover the llama, the alpaca and the less common, but more beautiful, vicuna, a gazelle-like creature which has been at the centre of a long-running hunting controversy; at one poiot conservalionists feared its extinction. Among their most conspicuous auributes is the capacity to reproduce at altitudes of up to 18.000ft, where sheep - and

humans - cannol survey. Equally important cameloids tipioe where sheep trample.

Peruvian scieotists are taking tips from the lncas in their drive to halt the spread of deserts on the uplands of the central Andes and provide local people with a hides for local consumption and hides for local consumptio dung for energy in a relatively treeless landscape. The llama moreover, is a useful beast of

burden.

At least three Peruvian research stations, including La Raya, have launched cameloid research and development programmes. One aim is to reduce the 50 per cent death rate of embryos in the first month of gestation. Radioisotope techniques are being applied to niques are beiog applied to blood milk and other samples in the laboratory to iovestigate the hormooal factors

responsible.
Three main diseases have also beeo identified: diarrhoea - for which a vaccine has beeo tested - pneumooia and mange. In combating pneumonia, improv-ing resistance through better feeding and management is essectial. Since cooccotrates and stall-feeding are out of the question, this means improved land husbandry, including extensive renovation of the derelict lanca canal network used to distribute water from mountain snow and river sources.

Another method is rotational grazing, with fences built and areas kept fallow for long

periods. Source: Ceres. the Food and Lord Glenamara.

Agriculture Organization
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On Lord Glenamara.

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Appointments Sir Crispin Tickell to be United

Kingdom Permanent Repre-sentative to the United Nations io New York and UK Represcotative on the Security Council, io succession to Sir Joho Thomson, who will be retiring. Sir Crispin will hold the personal rank of Ambassador. Mr Robert Johnson, QC, to be Vice-Chairman of the General Council of the Bar. Mr John Griffiths, QC, to be Treasurer of the General Council of the Bar, both appointments from January 1.

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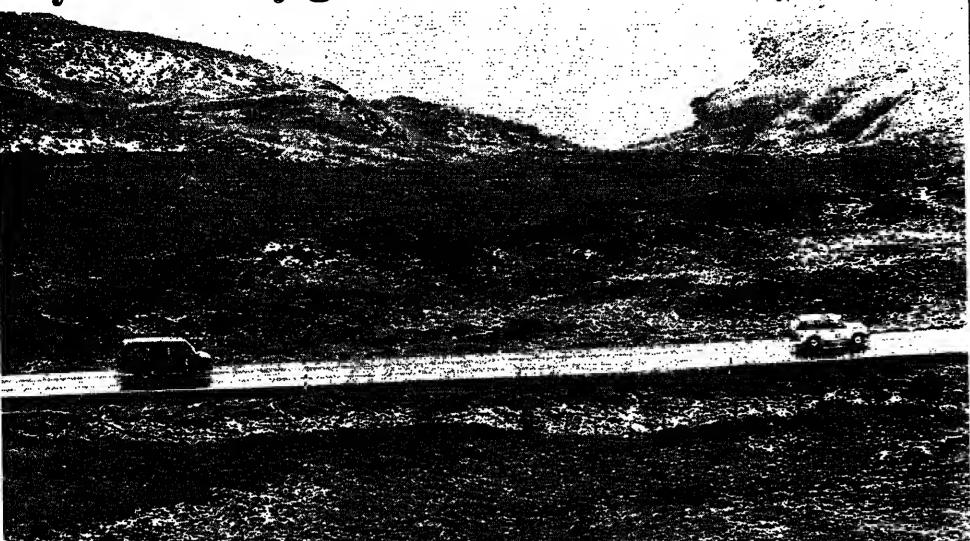
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Britain's **EEC** food quota coup

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centrated on reducing future output. The butter mountain stands at 11/2 million tonnes, cereals surplus at 18 million tonnes, and the beef surplus at 600,000 tonnes.

An important role in yes-terdays deal was played by Mr Austin Deasy, the Irish Farm Minister, who refrained from using the national veto oo milk. Mr Deasy beld the package up by using his veto on beef, but later relented

Mrs Thatcher is understood to have been angered by charges at the Londoo EEC Summit earlier this month that Britain had avoided farm reform, and instructed British ministers to make a final, determined effort to confront the mooster of farm spending,

Two US officials resign

to seek immunity for Admiral Poindexter and Colooel North so that all the facts could come out quickly. So far they have refused to answer questions on the advice of their lawyers.

Mr Speakes said Mr Reagan was not calling for an amnesty or elemency for them. He was asking only for "limited immunity", which meant that what they said in hearings could not be used against them. But the law still permitted prosecution

Mr Regan's testimony to a closed session of the Senate intelligence committee is considered vital to the attempt by Congress to piece together was happened. Mr Regan, who is under strong pressure to resign, did not tovoke his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

quate to ensure Hindley's safety did they allow her temporary release from Cookham Wood under Section 29 of the Criminal Justice Act. fears were

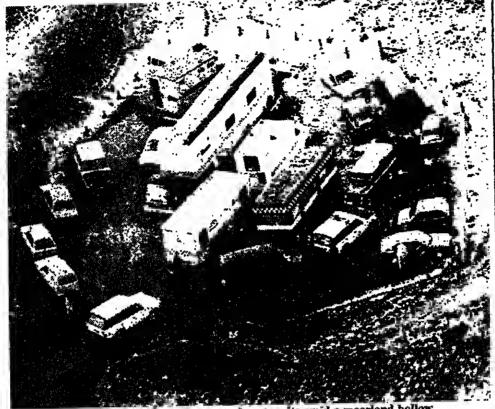
Just minutes before the helicopter landed, Mr Patrick Kilbride, father of one of the Moors murder victims, tried to evade police road blocks to reach the spot where he knew Hindley would arrive.

Inside his jacket pocket was a five inch knife which he said later he intended to use to kill the woman who murdered his

"I got so close. I dodged one police cordon but got stopped at the second. If I had man-aged to get through I could have exacted revenge on the woman who has made my family's life hell for over two

Mr Kilbride, aged 58, added: "I came prepared to kill her - I just want her

Every footstep that Hindley took was monitored by a group of senior officers



Moors circus: The police control centre sits amid a moorland hollow.

Letter from West Germany

Life-like dolls for exclusive clientele

Paderborn - West Germany. Some children looking under the Christmas tree this year may come face to face with a perfect replica of themselves, wearing the same clothes and standing almost

West German artist Annette Himstedt has built up a booming business by making effigies of real children, based oo photographs sent by parents all over the world.

The result is a three-foot porcelain doll which looks astonishingly buman and resembles the original in the smallest detail - down to the eyes, the shape of the earlobe and the blush of the cheek.

"When I first tried to sell the dolls, people were shocked, even appalled, at the idea of it. It was something they had to get used to." she said in an ioterview at her homecum-studio in the West German town of Paderborn.

"But it was the same when photography started." she said. "People were shocked when they saw an image of themselves captured permanently for the first time."

After a five-year battle to market the china child-dolls, the idea caught on and requests are now received from parents in countries including the United States, New Zealand. Switzerland, Italy and Malaysia.

But the dolls remain exclusive. They cost between 5,000 and 20,000 marks (£1666-£6666).

The idea grew into a commercial veoture after the artist, who formerly sold insurance policies, started sculpting the heads of children in her neighbourhood in

The heads took on a life of their own, sprouted a body, arms and legs. Before long, there were lifelike replicas of the children she saw playing every day. Then she modelled her

daughter, now 20, from an old black and white photograph taken when she was three years old. The result sits in a pram in

the corner of her studio, a real toddier to the casual observer, dressed in her daughter's old baby clothes.

"When I finished that doll

shivered because the likeness was so exact it was uncanny. My daughter got a real shock

-But now I find it quite normal to see her sitting there in the corner."

Parents who want a porcelain model of their offspring send photos of the child taken from all angles. She says close-ups of the eyes and ears are necessary and also a resume of the child's character "to help capture their spirit".

Clients often send favourite clothes of the child for the artist to make a copy and dress up the doll. Each one takes her a year to complete.

She recently started a sideline in plastic mannequins, which are based on imaginary children but look just as human as their china counterparts. Copied in bulk from the

artist's original porcelain models by a local toy firm. they cost 600 marks (£200). A group of her original

dolls sits solemnly on a settee in the artists's living room. while scattered around are stray heads and limbs of dolls m the making She says there is nothing

strange in the concept of children cuddling, talking to and taking to bed a doll which looks exactly like them.

"They know it's a mirror image of themselves. If they're pleased with themselves, they talk nicely to the doll and if they're annoyed with themselves, they throw it around."

She admits, though, that her creations often end up being a memento for parents rather than a toy. "I also make dolls for people who have oo kids and obviously want a substitute. I've had some very moving letters from old women, for example."

Her oext project is to construct child-dolls in full

"My ambitions lie in bigger and bigger dolls . . one day might even model myself,"

Kathy Marks

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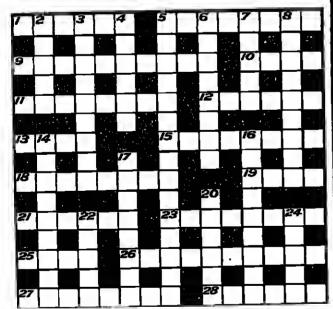
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10 Alone - therefore sounding depressed? (4).

11 Shown to be a North Briton indeed (8).

12 Cerumen making organ grow more powerful (3-3). 13 The fish is partly aff, unfortunately (4).

15 Initially, protein diet can turn out overexacting (8). 18 Sidle like an owl - not face

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21 It may be barred when the Prince's performing (6).

23 Mountain pasture, almost running back to the sea (8). 25 Sita's husband is fast losing a lion-tamer (4).

26 "Wherein Fil catch the of the king" (Hamlet) (10). 27 Such enthusiasm needs a

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3 Dull single girl claiming to be a goddess (9).

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7 Might you meet an early one on the stairs? (5) 8 Light meal in coilege at first

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22 Get well in this country (5). 24 Unusually close to the foot of the column (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,239

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Badgers; Natural History Mu-seum, High Street, Colchester; Mnn to Fri 10 to 1, 2 to 5, Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 4, (ends Mar 28). of Great Britain, 12.35.
Prince Michael of Kent opens

University of Ulster Or-chestra and Chamber Choir: Evening of Carols; Cromore Road, Coteraine, Co Londonderry, NI; 8pm. Strathelyde Univ Chorus and Brass; St Mungo's RC Church,

Strathclyde: 2pm.
Penrhos Chamber Choir:
Concert of Carols and Christmas Music: Village Hall.
Grandborough, Warwickshire; 7.30. The John Loosemore Centre

Choral and Instrumental Christmas Music, Saltram House, near

mas Music; Saltram House, near Plymouth; 7.45. St. Albans Chnral Society: Christmas Music with readings by Richard Whitmore; St. Al-bans City Hall, St. Albans, Herts; 8pm. Haydn Concert; Colstan Hall, Bristol; 7.30.

General Peter Pan, the musical: star-ring Bonnie Langford and Ed-ward Brayshaw; Congress Theare, Eastbourne, East Sussex; 2.30, 7.30 (ends Jan 17). Book Fair: Book Market, Fisher Hall, Cambridge; 10 to 5. Dickensian Christmas Festival: Malton and Norton-on-Derwent, North Yorkshire; (ends Dec 24).

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leading expert on power and the powerful: Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow; 8.00.

Residential care

Choosing a residential care or Choosing a residential care or nursing home can be difficult. Finding the right information can often be a problem. To belp elderly people and their relatives answer some of the questions Age Concern have published a factsheet Finding Residential and Nursing Home Accommodation.

It outlines the difference between private, voluntary and local authority homes, how nursing homes differ and where to go for lists of homes in any area. It also sets out all the options to consider before deciding to enter a home.

A list of support services to help older people stay in their own home, and where to find them, is also given.
Finding Residential and Nursing Home Accommodation, free with a large stamped addressed envelope from Information Department (FS29), Age Con-

Christmas post

Today is the last recomended date for posting inland parcels and second-class letters and cards in time for Christmas. For first-class letters and cards the latest recommended date is Friday, December 19.

Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this'

A Partial Testament, Essays on Some Moderns in the Great

Just-Richans (He Carasis, £12.95) by Kay Williams (Genesis, £12.95) Lancashire, A Social History, 1558-1939, by John K. Walton

Abolitionist, Haverhill, Mass-achusetts, 1807; Ford Madox Ford, novelist and critic, Mer-ton, Surrey, 1873; W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Min-ister of Canada, 1921-48, Berlin, Ontario, 1874. Ontario, 1874.



Retail Price Index: 391.7

A Dictionary of Philosophy, by A.R. Lacey (Routledge & Kegan

Tradition, by Helen Lessore (Tate Gallery, £11.95)

Greece and the EEC, edited by George N. Yannopoulos (Macmillan, £27.50) Just-Richmal, The Life and Work of Richmal Crompton Lamburn.

(Manchester University, £35)
Science and Literature in the Nineteenth Century. by
J.A.V. Chapple (Macmillan, £20)
J.A.V. Chapple (Macmillan, £20)

1863, Movable Pictures and Decorations, vol. III.
Plates (Oxford, £140)
Understanding Attitudes to the European Community, A socialpsychological study in four member states, by Miles Hewstone
(Cambridge, £27.50)
Victorian Gardens, by Brent Elliott (Batsford, £30)
Victorian Lunacy, Richard M. Bucke and the Practice of Late
Nineteenth-Century Psychiatry, by S.E.D. Short (Cambridge, PH)

Anniversaries

Largs, 1907.
Petrol rationing imposed as a

Parliament today

security services and on Cyprus. Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Bill, second reading.

The Paintings of Eugène Delacroix, A Critical Catalogue 1832-1863, Movable Pictures and Decorations, Vol. III Text, Vol. IV

Births: Dominico Cimarosa, composer, Aversa, Italy, 1749; Ludwig van Beethoven, Bonn, 1770; Sir Hamphry Davy, inventor of the miners' safety lamp, Penzance, 1778; John Greenlenf Whittier, author and

Ontario, 1874.

Deaths: Simon Belivar, the Liberator of South America, San Pedro, Colombia, 1830; Sir William Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin of Largs, physicist, 1872.

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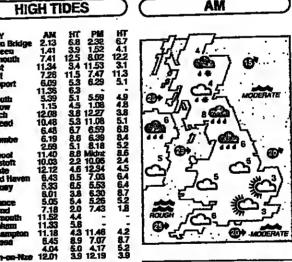
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Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: bright spells, wintry showers, rather cold and windy. Overnight frosts.





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Giordano's £111,000

pay cut
Mr Richard Giordano, the chairman and chief executive of BOC and one of Britain's highest paid industrialists, has not had a salary increase this year - and with part of his pay denominated in dollars, his remuneration has gone down

by 12.5 per cent. From BOC, a group with annual sales of £1.4 billion, he has received £772,000, compared with £883,100 io 1985, according to BOC's annual

report, out yesterday. lo the previous year, he had a 3.3 per cent salary increase, but because of the currency effect bis remuneration was np 14.4 per cent.

Profits target is beaten

McCorquodale, the specialist printing company taken over by Norton Opax after a hard-fought battle, has beaten the profits estimate made in its defence document. Pretax profits for the year to the end of September were £14.4 million, against an estimated £14 millioo and a previous £10.2

Oceonics loss

Oceanics Group, the ma-rice electronics and information technology group, made pretax losses in the six mooths to September of £1.97 million against the last first-half loss

P&O director

Mr Charles Hambro, chairman of Hambros, the mer-chant banking group, will join the board of P&O, the shipping company, as a noo-executive director from January 1.

IC Gas ahead

IC Gas made pretax profits of £18.5 million in the six months to September against £17.3 million in the last first half. Calor Gas, for which the group is best known, made a pretax profit of £16.2 million against only £798,000 last

EMAP buy

EMAP (East Midlands Alled Press), the provincial newspaper and magazine group, is paying £22 million for Courier Press. Courier, which publishes 20 newspapers, last year reported pressure of \$2.07 million per page \$1.07 million tax profits of £2.07 million oo turnover of £12.6 million.

BSC adviser

The Government will shortly appoint a merchant bank to advise it on the privatization of British Steel Corporation, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for Industry,

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Brussels:	2053.1 (+19.5) 4064.42 (+14.46)
Paris: CAC	552.80 (-1.4)
London: FT. A	n/a 82.30 (-0.09)

INTEREST RATES

Closing prices

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MARKET SUMMARY

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	Goldsmiths260p (+14p Woolworth680p (+8p
.5)	Reckitt & Colman 829p (+20p)
16)	Enterprise Oil 1740 (+11p)
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/a	Moran Tea
19)	IC Gas
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London Fixing: AM \$393.70 pm-\$393.10 close \$393.75-394.25 (£275.00-275.50) Comex \$394.00-394.50*

NORTH SEA OIL Brent (Jan.) pm \$15.95bbl (\$16.05) * Denotes letest trading price ...

Gas would return to state control

Labour warns new investors

outlined its preliminary plans for taking British Gas back into state control. They are likely to follow closely the blueprint laid down for the renationalization of British Telecommunications, involving a government purchase of shares at their offer price or a

swap for two kinds of non-voting security.

Lord Williams of Elvel,

Labour's Trade and Industry

spokesman in the House of Lords, told a City conference that the details of the party's plans for British Gas had not been finalized but there was little reason to suppose they would differ radically from

those for other public utilities.
There would be no return to the traditional Labour party formula for nationalization. Eventually utilities such as BT and British gas would wind up with a single shareholder - the Government - but existing shareholders would be offered three alternatives.

The first would be to accept a cash offer at either the market price or the original price at which shares were offered to the public, depending on which was lower. The others would involve oonvoting participation certificates or unsecured loan stock.
Lord Williams explained
that those opting for loan

Building

society

cash dips

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Mooey flowing into build-

ing societies nosedived during

November from October's record high even though investors withdrew less than

expected to buy British Gas

Net deposits flowing into

societies amounted to £160

million, compared with £1.9

billion in October and £638

million in November last

year. October's figure was boosted by funds returning

from disappointed applicants

Mr Mark Boleat, secretary-

general of the Building Societies Association, said: "For

the third mooth running the

building society net receipts

figures have been distorted by

But there are already signs

that December will prove to

be more disappointing than

the societies at first thought.

"So far net receipts have oot been as big as expected," said Mr John Bayliss, general man-ager of the Abbey National.

The societies expect money

from disappointed Gas ap-

plicants and those who have

already sold their shares to flow back in December. But that will be partly countered by the seasonal fall in deposits

as people withdraw money to

Societies face further with-

drawals oext month in the run-up to the British Airways

Mortgage demand dropped

slightly but remained rel-

atively strong for November, with £3 billion lent to bome-buyers and a further £2.5

• The BSA announced yesterday that Mr Tony Stough-ton-Harris, chief general manager of the Anglia Build-

ing Society, has been nomi-nated as BSA chairman.

billioo promised.

flotation early in February.

spend before Christmas.

for TSB shares.

a share issue."

The Labour Party yesterday stock or participating certifi-utlined its preliminary plans cates would probably have to or taking British Gas back wait for two or three years before showing a profit over the original offer price. The loan stock would have a nominal value equal to the market price of the shares shortly before the date of

return to state control, but the yield would be similar to the dividend yield on the shares. There might be a redemptioo boous to encourage holders to retain the stock to maturity and to compensate for the initial low yield.

The participatiog certifi-cates would be designed to



Bryan Gould: SIB would be

Enterprise Oil, Britain's sec-

ond biggest independent oil company, is buying Imperial

Chemical Industries' oil and gas assets in a deal worth £115

At a stroke the deal will

double Enterprise's North Sea

oil production for 1987 from

30,000 barrels a day to 60,000

18.5 per cent interest in the

The deal also includes a 15

per cent share in the Amethyst

gas field, which is being

considered for early develop-

ment, a 20 per cent share in a promising oil find in Indo-

nesia, a varied portfolio of

exploration acreage and £25

million of working capital.
In exchange, ICI will receive
72 million new Enterprise

hares, to give it 25 per cent of

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18.5% Ninten 15% Amethyst plus 30 blocks

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plus oil interests

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growth of the utility. Any increase in value would ont be market defined, but would be linked to the growth in the oet asset value of the company.
After two or three years, the certificates would be bought in, possibly by the Bank of England through the government broker, at the current levels of net asset value.

The pretice time certific

The participating certificates might also carry a bonus element to compensate holders for what Lord Williams called the "dead period" of two or three years before

certificates were regularly bought in by the authorities. Because the certificates were linked to growth in net assets, participating certifieates in companies like BT might be a better investment than existing ordinary shares, Lord Williams said.

At the same conference, Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, said Labour also intended to make pensioo fund managers accountable by law to pensioners and trustees for their investment decisions.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's front-bench spokesman on City affairs, said the Lloyd's insurance market would be brought within the regulatory framework of the Financial Securities Act and the Securities and Investments Board would have statutory powers.

Enterprise's enlarged equity. Dr Ian Watt, ICI Petroleum's

managing director, will be-

come an executive director of

prise has more develop-

in Britain's North Sea and a

gas field in the Dutch sector. It

has significant interests in the

Arbroath and Miller oilfields

which are expected to be

developed over the oext few

Its oil and gas reserves amount to approximately 240

million barrels of oil equiva-

lent, and the ICI acquisitioo

will add another 100 million

barrels to reserves.
"Even if the oil market is

lousey for the next two or

three years, Enterprise has a

strong balance sheet and we

will still have the capacity to

make acquisitions" Mr

The City greeted the news with approval. One oil analyst said: "Definitely a case of

The deal was struck on the

Under the terms of the deal,

ICI is barred from bidding for

Enterprise until 1991. By then,

fully taxed value of the assets

mutual back-scratching."

Walmsley said.

Enterprise has six oilfields

Enterprise buys

ICI's N Sea assets

through the purchase of ICI's companies being combined

Opec struggles for agreement

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Iraq was looking increas-ingly isolated yesterday as backroom negotiations intens-ified in Geneva where the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is struggling to reach agreement on production cuts aimed at raising oil prices to \$18 a barrel.

A full ministerial session, scheduled for the afternoon, was postponed until today as renewed top-level pressure was put on Iraq to accept a

Meanwhile, King Fahd, of Saudi Arabia, further strength-

Taher, the state-owned oil company.

According to Riyadh Radio, Mr Taher had been asked "to retire." No reasoo was given.
Mr Taher, head of
Petromin since it was established in 1962, was a supporter of the policies of Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister who was abruptly dismissed less then two months ago for his strategy of

defending market share despite the considerable cost to ened his grip on the kingdom's the oil price.
But Mr Taher's dismissal, oil policy yesterday hy

dismissing the governor of about which there had been cut its output to help Opec Petromin. Mr Abdul-Hadi speculation in Riyadh for weeks, was thought to be as much a verdict on his com-

petence in running Petromin. lo Geoeva President Rilwanu Lukman, of Nigeria, held two rounds of talks with Mr Qassem Ahmed Taqi, the Iraqi oil minister, but he failed to budge Iraq, which stuck to its demand for a quota equal to that of Iran, its Gulf war adversary.

Mr Taqi, the Iraqui oil minister, said: "That is our position and it is firm." But he did not rule out the possibility that Iraq would voluotarily towards the end of trading with Brent for January delivery at \$15.95 a barrel, down 20 that Iraq would voluotarily

poost prices. Earlier in the day President

Lukman was reported by the Opec news agency as saying that only fine tuning was needed to reach an agreement and that ministers were close to a final figure on output cuts.

Analysts yesterday remained hopeful of an agree-

ment and saw the problem as one of finding a face-saving formula acceptable to Iraq. Oil prices slipped slightly



New image for BAA: Sir Norman Payne studying the options for hotels and leisure centres on 750 acres of airport land

offer for jeweller

By Richard Lander

Oriflame International, the Swedish jewellery and cosmetics group registered in Luxem-burg and listed on the Londoo Stock Exchange, is planning a drive into the British jewellery Enterprise. In addition, ICI will be able to nominate two non-executive directors to Enterprise's board. Mr John Walmsley, finance market with a £42 million takeover offer for The Golddirector of Enterprise, said the smiths Group, whose interests also include hotels

were good businesses in their insurance. The approach - it came own right. "But the whole is after talks aimed at securing greater than the sum of the parts. ICT Petroleum is a production company with an agreed bid - was firmly rejected by Goldsmiths as some developments in the medium term while Enter-

opportunistic and too low."
However Oriflame put itself in a strong position last night by taking its 14.3 per cent stake in its target to at least 27.7 per cent through purchases in the market. It hopes to increase this investment to 29.99 per cent, the maximum

permitted. Mr Jonas af Jochnick, chairman of Oriflame, made it clear that his company's main target was Goldsmiths' 105-shop jewellery chain, which he described as "a very well run

business with strong management."

He said that the struggling insurance business would be put up for sale if the takeover succeeded. Goldmaths had already announced its inten-tion to sell this division, and it is thought to have been close to announcing a deal with

Swinton Insurance. Mr Jurek Piasecki, chairmao and chief executive of Goldsmiths, said that the bid

came at a watershed time for the group. Oriflame's hid is one share and £10.22 cash for every seven shares, valuing Goldsmiths at 267p after its own

of the two companies, and there will oo dilution. shares fell 10p to 850p. There Enterprise's developments should be under way, and the is also a cash alternative, underwritten by Morgan Grenfell, worth 260p a share. oil price may have started to rise again. If there is an outside bid from a third party, ICI can make a counter offer.

Grenfell, worth 260p a share.
Goldmsmiths' shares closed 16p stronger at 262p.

£42 million BAA sets its sights on the complete airport package

Britain's state-owned airports company, BAA, which operates Heathrow and Gatwick, could become one of the country's leading property, ho-tel, retailing and management services companies after its privatization next summer.

Sir Norman Payne, the plans when he revealed halfyear pretax profits of £89 million and said that the company, previously the Brit-ish Airports Authority, was studying a range of diversifica-

tion projects. Top of the list is the development of BAA's 750 acres of land mostly around Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports, (the latter is undergoing a £300 million expansion), which could lead to BAA building botels and sure centres.

BAA, which owns Aber-deen, Glasgow, Prestwick and Edinburgh airports, in addition to its busy South-east operations, will be sold by the

British Airways in January and Rolls-Royce, the aeroengine maker, in the spring. The attraction of owning seven airports, now re-or-

ganized as separate subsidiaries of BAA, is expected to Treasury. Sir Norman said BAA was studying the construction, but

not management, of hotels, moving into airport-associated transport sectors, retailing and overseas airport management services. BAA's duty and tax-free concessions, granted on a five-

year basis, form the single largest source of income and Sir Norman clearly is keen to see the privatized company taking additional advantage of this lucrative business.

With mainstream airport income — mostly landing and passenger charges — still mak-ing a loss, and due to be controlled by the Government

Government next June or after privatization, BAA will July, after the privatizations of try to woo institutional investors with its new integrated

company approach.

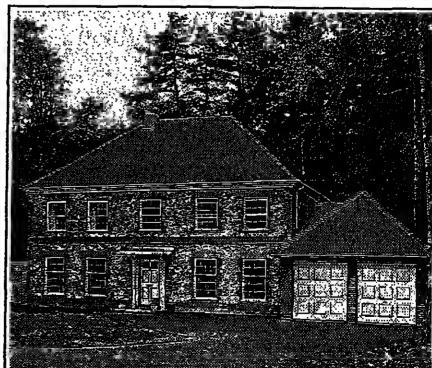
Sir Norman said that after
the usual loss-making second half, the company was on course to make a profit similar in last year's pretax level of

He reported that despite the impact of incidents in Libya and the Chernobyl disaster, which resulted in a 17 per cent fall in United States traffic through British airports, aumbers of outbound holiday-makers increased by 20 per

cent on a year earlier. Passenger traffic grew by 8 per cent in the first half of December after a 1.5 per cent overall increase in passenger numbers in the six months. Revenue for the half year

was up to £262 million against £239 million a year earlier, largely on growth in commercial income and BAA's new concentration on tex-free sales of goods at airports.





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Upturn by manufacturing industry

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The underlying rate of growth for overall industrial Manufacturing output rose by 0.3 per cent in October - to its highest level since Feb-

reary, 1980. Officials believe that the recovery has strengthened, and that manufacturing is growing at an annual rate of about 2.5 per cent.

The rise in manufacturing output was the third successive monthly increase. It matches evidence from the Confederation of British Industry that output has broken out from the earlier doldrums.

In the latest three mouths manufacturing output has risen by 1.3 per cent compared with the previous three mouths, although it is only 1.1 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of last

Output of the production industries as a whole fell by 0.8 per cent in October, mainly because of a drop in North Sea

ing, 4.6 per cent. Textiles, np 2.5 per cent, also recovered production is about 1.5 per cent, officials said.

There are signs that in-dustry is responding with more vigour to the strength of consumer spending. Although consumer goods output was up by only 1.1 per cent in the latest three mouths, compared with rises of 1.7 per cent for investment goods and 2 per cent for intermediate goods, some consumer goods categories have been picking up

Output of consumer durables in the August-October period rose by 2.7 per cent and that of clothing and footwear by 3.5 per cent. There was a 4.5 per cent increase in car production.

strongly.

The recovery in chemicals, in particular, reflects sterling's lower level against the mark and other competitor countries currencies.

Although North Sea oil output was generally expected to have passed its peak in 1986, the latest figures show big increases over the latest three mouths. In the August-October period output was 4.2 per cent up on the previous three months and 4.5 per cent

However, officials pointed out that the figures were distorted by lower-than-usual maintenance activity in the summer months. Coal output, after initially

higher than a year earlier.

recovering at the end of the As in earlier manufacturing miners' strike, has fallen. In recoveries, the strongest rises the latest three mouths it was were in chemicals, 2.2 per 3.8 per cent down on a year cent, and electrical engineerearlier.

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WALL STREET Prices edge ahead in early trade

New York (agencies) — Monday's late-afternoon, arbitrage-related buying lifted the market's spirits and beiped shares to stage a moderate advance in early trading yesterday.

Shares were also aided by the bond market, where a 1.8 per cent decline in November's housing starts dampened some concern that interest rates

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 6 points to 1,928.81. Rising shares outnumbered falling stocks by

Japanese stocks rose strongly in response to good gains on the Tokyo exchange. Honda was up 4½ to 83, Matsushita by 3½ to 131, Hitachi 3½ to 71½ and Pioneer Electric 1% to 32%.

On Monday, the Dow average closed 10.55 points higher at 1,922.81 after being down by more than 8 points just 30 minutes before the end of trading. It had speat much of Monday drifting under the 1,900 level. The number of shares

traded on Monday swelled from Friday's 126.6 million to 148.4 million. At the start of trading on Monday, weak hond prices – responding partly to fears that Opec would reach agreement to lift oil prices – had deto lift oil prices

Limit for charity tax relief raised

The cost to the Government of the payroll-giving scheme is likely to rise by 10 per cent to £22 million for the year 1987-

This follows the relaxation - announced by the Chan-cellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday - in the maximum amount that can be given to charity under the scheme.

Mr Lawson said that he had

decided to increase the limit on donations which can qualify for tax relief from £100 to

numbered falling stocks by seven to four on a volume of 25 million shares.

The limit is being raised principally because of the practical difficulty of dividing £100 into 12 monthly instal-ments. The revised limit of £120 means that from April 6, 1987 anyone in a payrollgiving scheme can give up to £10 a month to charity and



Nigel Lawson: scheme will cost him £22 million receive tax relief on the full donation at the top rate of

income tax paid. Mr Lawson also announced that the Government had decided to participate in the payroll-giving scheme as an employer. This means that the scheme will be open to

members of the armed forces. Where an employer is prepared to run a scheme. employees will be able 10 donate a fixed amount each week or month to their chosen charity or charities. The amoun t will be deducted from pay at source, with automatic tax relief given through the pay packet

Employers will pass the donations to clearing houses, which will distribute them to the chosen charities which might be, for example, in the fields of famine relief, the arts or medical rasearch.

The payroll-giving scheme will be entirely voluntary. No employer will be obliged to set up a scheme.

The scheme will not affect charitable donations made through a deed of covenant.

Flat figures from S&N

Half year profits at Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer and hotelier, suffered a £5 million shortfall owing to poor trading experience at the group's ho-tels. Approaching half of S & N's 4,500 hotel rooms are in London which was particularly badly affected by the lack of overseas visitors last sum-

Mr Alick Rankin, chief the remainder of the current year. Turnover was un-

financial year, but he is optimistic about the future prospects for this part of the business."We have been refurbishing many of our hotels and have not yet enjoyed the pay-off from this iovestment," he said.

Scottish & Newcastle vesterday reported pretax profits for the six months to the end of October 1986 of £44.8 executive, is oot expecting the million compared to £43.1 lost ground to be made up in million in the first half of last reflecting the disposal in 1985 of the Mackinlay Whisky business. An interim dividend of 2.41p was declared.

Scottish & Newcastle owns 29.9 per cent of Matthew Brown, the regional brewer, following a takeover bid in 1985 which was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. S & N has been free to bid again since last

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mystery 3% owners frozen out

By Alison Eadie

S&W Berisford, the sugar refining and commodity trading company. has obtained a High Court order disenfranchising 3.1 per cent of its shareholders whose identity is hidden behind two British

nominee companies. Berisford is worried that the ultimate ownership could be parties friendly with Tate & Lyle, the sugar refining group whose bid for Berisford was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) last May. Tate has assured Berisford that it does not own the stake. Tate's declared stake is 14.2 per cent.

Berisford has agreed to sell British Sugar, its sugar refin-ing operation, to Ferruzzi, the Italian agribusiness group, for £425 million upon the MIMC's clearance. Ferruzzi owns 23.7 per cent of Berisford.

The court order prevents the owners of the 3.1 per cent stake from voting the shares, transferring them or receiving any dividend Berisford has been trying to discover the ownership using the disclosure provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

The MMC is expected to report on Ferruzzi's and Tate & Lyle's takeover chances in January. In spite of Ferruzzi's pre-arranged deal, Tate is expected to renew its bid for Berisford if permitted.

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Berisford's Managers' mystery buy-in bid 3% owners for Simon snubbed

By Alison Eadie

The novel management bus-in bid pioneered by Valuedale, the shell company created to bid for Simon Engineering, failed to attract shareholder support by Monday's first closing date.

Acceptances were received from holders of 0.05 per cent of Simon's ordinary shares and 0.08 per cent of prefereoce shares. The offer has been

extended until December 29. Simon's board repeated its advice 10 reject the £173 million bid. Sir David Nicolson, chairman of Valuedale and BTR, said Valuedale was carefully considering its next

move. "We could do something with that company." he said. "I would like to use it as a base for building another BTR."
The novelty of the bid lies

in the terms offered by Valuedale, which would leave Simon shareholders with 62 per cent control of the company for accepting a partial cash bid.

Simon's defence document has attacked the buy-in terms, saying that the burden of borrowings imposed by the takeover would mean a loss of credibility with key customers, in addition to loss of important facilities for contract guarantees and Export Credit Guarantee Department COVET

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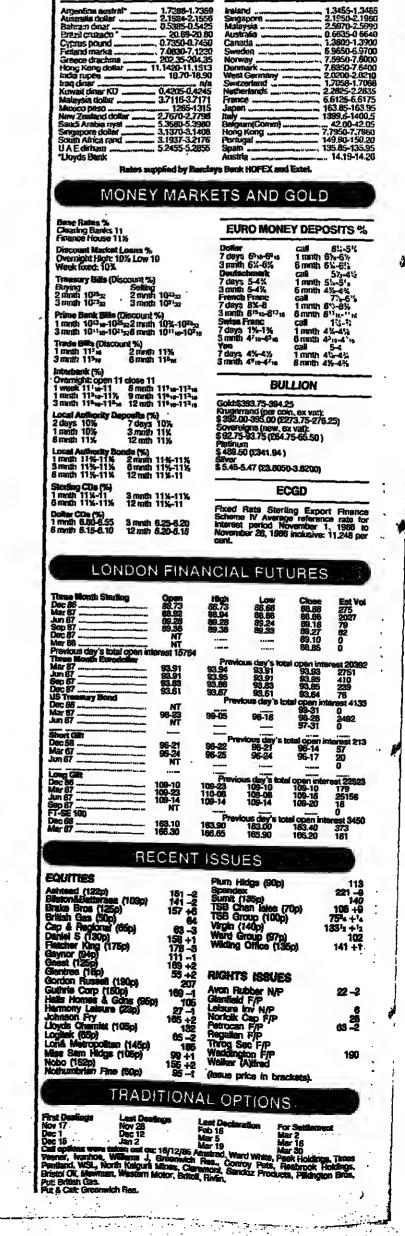
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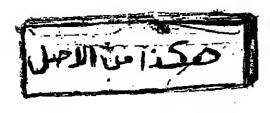
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British Gas holds steady at

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64p as Sid refuses to sell out By Carol Leonard The flurry of selling which had been expected in British morning post - failed to Institutional investors who had hoped to mop-up a size-

alle holding in the company as a bargain price — last week some City experts were predicting that the shares would now be down to 60p or lower — were disappointed. The partly-paid British Gas shares held steady at 64p, unchanged from their closing.

level the night before and even ibough 298 million shares changed hands, yesterday's turnover was small compared with the figure of more than 800 million shares when dealings first began, oo Monday of

In contrast, City analysts are now saying that British Gas shares could creep back up to 70p, or higher, within the next couple of weeks.

One oil analyst said: "It's very hard to guess what the small investor is going to do. The institutions are waiting on the sidelines, hoping the orice will go lower, but if Sid really isn't going to sell, they'll oave to come in and start huying at present levels."

Mr Brendan Wilders, the oil expert at Rowe & Pitman, the hroker, says the price of lower. The FT-SE 100 index opened 1.9 points lower, but managed to reverse that be-

He says: "If the news from nad been expected in British Gas shares yesterday — after millions of small Sids received their allotment letters in the their allotment letters in the the ceiling price will probably be adjusted upwards, possibly to as much as 85p."

The rest of the oil sector had agreement on production quota cutbacks from the Opec meeting were once again dashed. BP gave op 5p to 705p, Shell a penny to 975p and Britoil 2.5p to 165p, while Lasmo improved by 4p to 165p.

165p.
Better-than-expected results gave a welcome boost to IC Gas, which put on 10p to 573p and Enterprise climbed by 12.5p to 175.5p after announcing plans to buy the oil and gas

 Three stockbroking firms - James Capel Sheppards & Chase and Albert E Sharp - have npgraded their profit forecasts for STC, the telecommunications group, for the year to December 1986 from £1 to million to £120 million. STC shares firmed a

interests of ICI, in a £123 millioo deal.

penny to 169p.

Elsewhere, the stock market had a quiet day, with market-makers trying, without too much success, to mark stocks lower. The FT-SE 100 index

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understand how the directors

have come to recommend the

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pared to bid 650p a share and

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fore the close, to end the day 0.9 higher at 1,637.9. The FT 30 share index closed at 1,279.6, down 0.7.

Gilts opened up to £\% better at the longer end and improved hy a further £\% at 11.30 am when better-thanexpected PSBR figures were announced. But they drifted back almost to overnight levels during the afternoon as sterling weakened.

Among leading equities, Grand Metropolitan dipped 10p to 463p, on profit-taking — although market men remain convinced that a "megahid" is just around the corner - ICI gave up 8p to 1,081p.
while Cable & Wireless gained
4p to 321p and British
Telecom 3p to 201p.
Hillsdown Holdings, the
fast-growing food-to-furniture
group, firmed 3p to 221p, after

ing its total number of acquisitions this year to more than 40.

Mr Shaw's other "star buy" for next year is Freshbake Foods, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market. He predicts earnings growth well above the sector average for the next two to three years and says that the recent fall in the share price, brought about by its rights issue, gives a good huying opportunity. Freshbake was a penny easier

Also rated as "buys" are Unigate, 1p better at 314p and United Biscuits, 1p down at being tipped as ooe of the "star buys" for 1987 in the food manufacturing sector by

Avana and Northern Foods are tipped as longer-term "buys," but investors are ad-

• Glaxo shares jumped 31p to 1008p ahead of a presentation on Friday to the British Pharmacological Society of a new drug known as GRX-380-32S. The drug is thought to he suitable for the treatment of schizophrenia, anxiety and the prevention of sickness in cancer treatments.

vised to lighten their loads in

AB Foods, Cadhnry
Schweppes and Dalgety.
Pilkington Brothers, the
glass manufacturer, slipped
back 2p to 638p, when the
talked-of increased offer from BTR failed to materialize. BTR's first offer closed at 3 pm yesterday and the level of acceptances will be an-

nounced later today.

The offer is expected to be extended for a further two weeks and although it is possible that BTR may increase its offer today, it is thought more likely that it will wait until closer to its final deadline before launching what it hopes will be a "knockout" offer. BTR shares eased 4p to 271p. Warburg Securities, which

owns Rowe & Pitman. Pilkingtoo's broker, revealed yesterday that it had picked up 2.75 million Pilkington shares in the market, paying between 630p and 635p a share. Ward White, the other big predator of the moment, was

back in the market yesterday trying to buy LCP shares. It managed to huy a few, but its advisers say its holding is still at about the 43 per cent level. The bid, worth £175 million, with a 200p cash alternative, closes oo December 27. LCP shares were unchanged at

panies also announced a cor-

porate restructuring that will

transfer Wharf's stores, trad-

ing and hotel management

interests to Worldwide for at

Mr Woo said the deal would

mean a profit of HK\$100 million for Wharf and would

release valuable board time.

The assets being sold formed part of the Wheelock

Marden group which Sir Y-K

bought from Allied lovestors

in May last year after a hard takeover battle with Tan Sri

Khoo Teck Puat, the Malay-

Wharf kept the cash and property and tried to find a

huyer for the Lane Crawford

stores, trading companies and the Marco Polo hotel manage-

piece by piece but it wasn't an

easy transactioo," said Mr Woo. "Too much board time

was being spent on it. But the World side will be able to use

it as the basis for expansion."

The transfer will take effect on April 1 next year. "The cash proceeds will be

used to reduce the liabilities on our books," said Mr Woo. Wharf's net debt stands at

about HK\$1 billion, he said.

"We tried to dispose of it

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least HK\$450 million.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The real message of the British Gas issue

The second phase io the life of British Gas shares is now underway, with the despatch on Mooday of allotmeot letters to individuals. Although it was oot impossible for them to sell any or all the shares they were expecting to receive as sooo as official dealings began last week, the great majority will have waited until this week and "proof" that they actually had shares before selling. There may be a wave of small selling - a 25 per cent plus capital profit is there for the taking, Christmas is an expensive time, borrowing to take up shares has to be repaid — but it will not be tidal; and however strong the wave is, demand for British Gas stock promises to

absorb it without damage to the price.

The new supporting factor in the equation is a rising oil price in which belief is growing. This will strengthen the arm of American and Japanese investment houses which bought substantial blocks in the belief that they could market the shares in one of the higgest corporations in the world operating in energy, making considerable, and understated, profits and offering, certainly by Japanese standards, a generous return.

The British Gas flotatioo is a

remarkable success, probably the best judged issue of its kind so far. Although the issue did not attract the staggering oversubscription the promoters were forecasting, the response has to be seen in the context of the size of the issue and the price. In the eveot, the pricing has proved expertly balanced - low enough to bring people in in sufficient numbers but not so low that the Government and its advisers can be accused of "giving away" the nation's assets for speculators' benefit and party political gain. At a price of 130p, the Government would have been accused of buying votes; at 135p, it went for the money (£5.6 billion) — and still succeeded in persuading one in six households which have gas to have a share in British Gas. Even after the launching of British Telecom oo one would have staked his professional reputation, let alone his shirt, hy predicting success oo this scale.

This is true of Tory politicians and the City. Although both have paid lip service to privatization and wider, shareholding, neither seriously believed that public attitudes and behaviour could be radically changed, certainly not as rapidly as they have been.

Capitalism in our time is one of Mrs Thatcber's greatest achievements; she would do well to bring it into much sharper focus. It may oot be too late in this Parliament to have a minister for privatization, who not only believes totally in the cause of wider shareholding but understands that wards that may be a mistake

privatization issues have two significant advantages:

1 They are first issues and for that reasoo they cut through the widespread public notion that City slickers are solely concerned to make a fast buck out of the ignorant and the innoceot. 2 If they are properly constructed privatization issues offer the sort of good savings deal to first time buyers the public is looking for. British Gas is undoubtedly a pro-

fessional triumph for NM Rothschild, financial adviser to the Government on BG. After advising Hanson in its successful hid for Imperial Group and Woolworth in its successful defence against Dixons, NMR must be favour-

ite for merchant bank of the year. NMR, incidentally, denies that "it spoke to a single institution" with a view to pumping up applications for the shares, initially 1,615 million, earmarked for the general public. Applications for less than 5,000 shares were enough to cover the offer to the general public twice and thus trigger the clawback of shares from the 1,615 million initially allotted to "certain institutional investors." Of the 2,579 million shares finally allotted to the general public, only 71 million went to applicants for 100,000 or more, and not all of them were institutions. The biggest application was for 40 million and there were three for 20 million.

Rothschild, where Michael Richardson and Tony Alt led the team, demonstrated a poker player's skill in refining the BG underwriters'

Tarnished gilt

The 27 gilt market-makers were as one at shortly after 11.30 yesterday morning, when they raised prices hy about half a point in response to the public sector borrowing figures. But ooce again, a decided lack of retail ioterest, partly due to Opec's long winded deliberations in Geneva, left prices well down on the day.

The oew gilt market is showing itself to be a rather slothful beast, failing to respond to even the juiciest carrots. The November borrowing figures, showing a £56 millioo PSBR against market expectatioos of up to £1 hillioo, guarantee a second successive undershoot.

No net gilt sales are needed for the remainder of the financial year to cover a PSBR that looks likely to come out ocarer to £5 billioo than £7 billion. Gross sales need average oo more than £400 million a month.

The market, as opposed to the market-makers, is showing a tendency to respood only to the bad news. At a time when the balance of the evidence is moving to the view that the next move in interest rates will be down-

BRITISH GAS

NO ADMINISTRATION FEE

B&C facing revolt Reform urged for by shareholders

British and Commoowealth offer was too low. "We think Shipping, the financial serthat £7 a share is a much more vices and transport group run by Mr John Gunn, is facing a shareholder revolt in its £90 million takeover bid for Steel Brothers. Tamween Holdings, a com-

pany with extensive Middle East interests which cootrols 25 per cent of Steel Brothers, says it does not intend to accept the offer.

B & C already owns 45 per cent of Steel Brothers — it has institutions thought to speak food and catering interests and a lime and aggregates quarrying business — and its terrus, worth 630p a share in cash, have the backing of the independent directors

trol Tamween, claimed the Steel Brothers.

South Africa

sustainable economic growth. Even without further sanc-

within the last month a UK tions, low international and public company said it was prepared to offer £7." domestic confidence are set to interact. This would reduce Mr Gargour said he planned rates of ecocomic growth and to approach other shareholders, in particular the three increase unemployment, the ODI, an independent research organization, says in a paper published today. for 10 per cent of the Steel

Brothers equity, to urge them to reject the offer. Brothers equity, to urge them to reject the offer.

A spokesman for B and C said: "If Mr Gargour rejects limiting access to foreign ex-But last night Mr Gilbert the offer and stays in it will not make it easy to alleviate the mism about the country's

The Overseas Development rica is particularly vulnerable Institute argues use to crease sanctions against South restrictions oo access to confice would remind it that it eign finance, and actions aimed at initiating a substance of gold," has to oegotiate political re-form to attain high and tial fall in the price of gold." So far, action taken by

Mr David Shaw, an analyst at

In a 32-page review of the sector, which was being hand-

delivered to a oumber of big

institutional fund-managers yesterday, Mr Shaw said the

Hillsdown share price was still

depressed by the recent share

placing. But he thinks its

outstanding potential for

He said: "The shares, which

should be viewed as a core

above-average earnings growth will be reflected more

in the share price in 1987."

foreign banks to prevent the country's access to foreign finance has had the most significant effect on the economy. In cootrast, the effects of mostly voluntary bans oo new investment are likely to be only minimal, the ODI says.

On unemployment, the ODI says the direct effect of sanctions on the poorest groups, overwhelmingly black, will be minimal because they are already unemployed or irving outside

Lending nations beat aid target

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Tribute to the generosity of lending nations in beating the target for additional aid to developing countries through the International Developmeot Association has been paid by Mr Moeen Qureshi. the World Bank's senior vicepresident for finance.

The target was \$12 billion. and the sum raised through IDA - the World Bank's affiliate for concessional lending - in its Eighth Replenishment was \$12.4 billion. The last replenishment was \$9

Mr Qureshi said that the agreement was "a break-through for the poorest developing countries and is especially significant in the light of severe budget constraints of the industrial country donors and the economic difficulties faced by develop-

ing country donors. Twelve countries - Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain and Sweden— increased their contribution to the basic IDA replenishment of \$11.5 billion.

In addition six countries, including Britain, made additional special contributions, while Switzerland, although not a member of IDA, cootributed an untied grant of \$165 million. This took the special contribution to \$897 million, and the total replenishment to \$12.4 billion,

The main issue which held up the agreement was the question of an increased shareholding in the World Bank for Japan - a condition of Japan's iocreased contribution.

The United States finally agreed to this increased shareholding. As a result Japan's contribution to the replenishment totalled \$2.6 billion, just behind the US contribution of \$2.875 billion.

Germany contributed \$1.372 billion, France \$839 million and Britain \$785

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Australia » rejects gold mine tax

By Richard Lander After months of delibera-tion the Australian government has decided oot to tax the country's gold mines, which have been exempt for more than 50 years.

The decision apparently overturns a recommendation of an unreleased independent report which the government has been studying since

Although it came as no surprise after a sustained lobbying campaign against the tax hy the mining companies, trade unions and the government of Western Australia, which contains many of the country's mines, the decision lifted share prices. The Australian gold share index rose hy 42.4 points to 1,661.8.

Aoother factor in the decision was probably the wan-ing popularity of Mr Boh Hawke's Labour administration before the general election within the oext 15

The government would have been committing political suicide had it introduced the tax," said one Australian mining analyst.

Australian gold output more than trehled between 1981 and 1985, and it is expected to almost double by

Australian quote for mining group

Anglo American Corpora-tion, the South African mining and iodustrial conglomerate, is to obtain a listing for its Australian interests through a reverse takeover of a local engioeering and metals group, Boustead Promet Australia.

South Australia in (£16.84 million). Pretax profit £545,000 (£411,000). Earnings per share 11p (7.64p). Overall, the company coolinues to make

ln a complex deal. Anglo American Australia (AAA) will inject assets worth more than Aus\$100 million (£46.2 million), mainly gold mining operations and a metal trading subsidiary, io return for a 49 per cent stake in Boustead which can be increased through a five-year option over further shares.

AAA's main gold operation is a 40 per cent stake in the Mount Morgan tailings operatioo in Queensland, operated jointly with the Peko-Wallsend mining group.

The ODI adds: "South Af- economy. Hong Kong's big two avoid disclosing Sir Y-K's stake

By Stephen Leather Hong Kong

Two of Hong Kong's biggest companies produced record interim results yesterday, but managed to cooceal the extent to which they are cootrolled by shipping magnate Sir Yue-Kong Pao.

Wharf (Holdings), the property, retailing, transport and botel group, announced profits after tax up 31 per cent to HK\$396.2 million (£35 million) and an interim dividend up from 7.7 cents to 9 cents for the six months to September

controls Wharf via a 40.1 per cent stake, produced half-time profits after tax up 29.9 per cent at HK\$137.6 million. An interim dividend, increased from 3 cents to 3.5 cents, was declared.

World International, which

Sir Yue-Kong is known to have big stakes in both firms but he has avoided recent legislation requiring directors to disclose their holdings by giving up his seats on the boards.

And yesterday his soo-in-law, Mr Peter Woo, who is chairman of both companies, was reluctant to reveal the size of Sir Y-K's holding. "You

• CAFFYNS: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim payment 3.2p (2.2p). Turnover £56.1 million (54.66

million). Pretax profit £741,000 (£255,000). Earnings per share

19.6p (4.9p).

• PHILIP HARRIS (HOLD-

INGS): Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 3.75p (same). Turoover £24.07 million

healthy progress, while strengthening its trading pos-ition in all sectors, especially its bome bases.

• WEIR GROUP: The group has agreed to sell its offshoot, Weiritam, to La Societe

Alsthom for about £10 million in cash. Weiritam's main asset is a 35 per cent shareholding in Delas-Weir, which specializes in

the design and installation of heat-exchange equipment for the French power-generation

• PEEL HOLDINGS: Interim

dividend 3p (2.75p). Turnover for the six months to Sept. 30



Sir Yue-Kong Pao: corporate restructuring to reduce debt must ask him," said Mr Woo, financial position," Mr Woo said, with its property port-

For me to comment would be unfair to him and myself. There are certain disclosure rules and these are being

followed strictly."
Earlier this mooth Sir Y-K
and his wife sold 100 millioo shares io World International, raising HK\$360 million and intended to use the cash to iocrease his stake in Standard Chartered Bank, where he is deputy chairman. Wharf was in "a very strong dings.

the board reports. Assets per

ordinary share have increased to

● PLYSU: The company is

reporting for the 28 weeks to Oct. 11. Interim dividend 0.65p

about 17 acres, a few miles from Rochdale, Lancashire. The

maintaining the current rate of

● BSS GROUP: Half-year to

compting speculation that he

The famous Star Ferry is struggling with competition from the cross-harbour tunnel and Wharf is increasing the fares by 10 cents, to 80 cents (7p) for first class and 60 cents

folio performing well.

(5½p) for second class. Last time Wharf increased its ferry charges 20 years ago, a 5 cent rise sent a mob rampaging through Kowloon burning huses and ransacking buil-

COMPANY NEWS

£5.96 million (£5.37 million).
Pretax profil £3.81 million (£2.4 million). Earnings per share (weighted average) 19.38p (15.66p). A valuation of the residential land-bank has generated a surplus of £5.6 million, the board reports Assets per about the outcome of the year as • RH MORLEY GROUP: Half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £2.26 million (£2.23 million). Prelax prufil £100,291 (£80,172). Earnings per share 1.74p (1.39p). The current year has begun well and the introduction of new machinery has started to show a marked improvement in every sphere of operation. The board proposes to change the company's name to either British & Overseas

Holdings or Wentworth Inter-

(0.53p). Turnover £19.52 mil-tion (£18.33 million). Pretax profit £2.7 million (£2.3 mil-tion). Earnings per share 4.86p (3.82p). Plysu has purchased an' 80,000 sq tf factory, on a site of about 17 excess a few miles from national Group. • PLAXTONS (GB): Total dividend unchanged at 4.5p for the year to Sept. 28. Turnover £36.94 million (£32.31 million). hoard looks forward to Pretax profit £732,000 (£1.31 million). Earnings per share 4.2p (6.1p). The sale of the Seamer Road site will result in

the year to April 30, following losses last year of £2.09 million greatly improved.

acoustic transducers and arrays for defence applications, etc.

• REUTERS: The company has bought Finsbury Data Services for £8.4 million in cash and 397,208 new "B" ordinary (limited voting) shares of 10p

• L HARRIS (HARELLA): Half-year to Sept. 30, 1986, compared with the eight months to Sept. 30, 1985. Pretax profit £79,000 (£163,000). Earnings per share 1.28p (2.48p).

• TADDALE INVEST-MENTS: Pretax profit on or-dinary activities of £35,783 for

Sept. 30. Interim dividend an extraordinary profit of about taised to 3.2p (2.75p), payable on Jan. 22. Turnover £39.62 million (£37.9 million). Pretax profit £3 million (£2.55 million). Group, a coach distributor and a general motor-dealing group, for Earnings per share 13p (10.4p). Estimated to 3.2p (10.4p). Estima The board remains confident million in cash.

has bought Universal Sonar for 412,373 ordinary shares. Universal makes underwater

and the reconstruction of the group. However, after tax and extraordinary charges, the group made a loss of £1.26 milling (loss £5.47 million). Sir Monty Finniston, the chairman, reports that the company finished the year with its financial position • FERRANTI: The company

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APPOINTMENTS **Metal Box names** managing director

Watson has been made a will be resigning as a director director and becomes a memon December 31.

ber of the executive group.

Payne & Gunter: Mr Roger de Pilkyngton becomes sales Quadrex Securities: Mr J

Michael Galbraith is to be director, in charge of sales. In the sales and trading department, Mr Armando Lippiello and Mr Clive Shackell are both to become assistant manager, sales. Mr Marc Narbeth is to be assistant manager, convertibles. Mr Robert Coo-per will be assistant manager m the settlements department. All these promotions will take effect from January 1.
Barratt Retail: Mr Robert

Adams becomes chairman.
Mr Stnart Guy, Mr Gary
Thorneycroft, Mr Derek
Cottrell and Mr David Patrick
become directors. GrandMet USA: Mr Ian Martin will become chairman and chief executive officer on the retirement of Mr Jon Old at the end of this month.

Gallaher Tobacco: Mr G Henderson and Mr JR Taylor have joined the board. Electrocomponents: Keith Bright and Mr Ray Horrocks have become non-



Gerry Musgrave

Siemens Ltd: Professor Gerald Musgrave is oow a non-executive director. Haden Group: Mr Richard Taylor has been made a main-

Metal Box: Mr Marray be commercial director. He Stuart is appointed group willsucceed Mr AE Swaisland managing director. Mr Alex who is leaving the group and

ASDA: Mr Bill Bailey has been appointed to the board as non-food trading director in place of Mr Gerry Killarney.
Mr Geoff Street becomes merchandising and develop-ment director and Mr Paul Dowling corporate marketing

Allied Dunbar: Mr Keith Carby has joined the board.



Capitol Industries-EMI: Mr Joe Smith becomes vicechairman and chief executive and Mr David Berman be comes president from Feb-

Drummond Group: Mr Anthony Vice has been appointed a non-executive director. London Association for the Blind: Mr Peter Holland becomes director on January 1 in succession to Mr Graham Entwistle, who is retiring.

The Really Useful Group: Mr Keith Turner and Mr Michael Sydney-Smith are to be main-board executive directors. Mr Turner takes up his post oo February 1. Mr Sydney-Smith's appointment is effective immediataly s effective immediately.

Sirius Insurance Company (UK): Mr L Wesslan has become a director and will be chairman from January 1, Mr LH Thomell and Mr AJ Webber are oow directors.

Goddard Kay Rogers and Associates: Mr Paul Be-Cussins Property Group: chanan-Barrow and M Mr Alasdair Mackenzie is to Turner join the board. chanan-Barrow and Mr Pani

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France 27 per cent 27 per cent Germany Netherlands 15 per cent Switzerland 13 per cent 10 per cent 5 per cent Belgium Sweden 2 per cent Others l per cent

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S&N disappoints after tourist slump takes toll

The full extent of the prob-lems besetting Scottish & Newcastle Breweries' botels because of the dearth of American tourists in Britain in the summer was brought home to the market yesterday. The fact that trade had suffered was well flagged. hut analysts hoped that profits would have beeo

maintained. However, they were dis-appointed. The hotels operating profits were £3 millioo below last year's first half rather than £2 million higher as had been originally bud-geted. It will be difficult for S&N to make up lost ground in the second half, which is seasonally weaker. But growth should resume in

A breakdown of the business is not given at the interim stage, but draught beer sales were down along

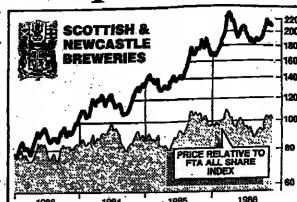
attractions in themselves, but dividend for seven years.

S&N will also benefit from For the whole of last year cost savings as Home Brew-Triplex made £1.2 million ery makes the transition from and most of its growing band private to public company. of followers in the City expect. The pretax contribution from that figure to be almost Home Brewery for the doubled this time. remainder of this year should If there are disappoint-

As one might imagine, sizeable acquisition. But this S&N is coy about discussing could be rectified soon. the future of its 29.9 per cent stake in Matthew Brown. It is been made, financed from the now free to bid again, but it proceeds of the last rights may be wise to wait until the issue, but a big takeover generative features which Triplex is keen to reinforce would complement the cash its building components di-

£100 million barrier is there Enterprise Oil to be broken next year. There is minimal earnings growth Enterprise has always been this year although the prospects for next are better.

Barring takeover specula- sector. tion, the shares remain However, it needed a deal. expensive compared to the like yesterday's to prevent a other majors in the sector.



Triplex

Mr Lewis Robertsoo admits he is not out to capture a glamour rating for Triplex, his engineering and building

But, Mr Robertsoo, brought in as chairman three with the rest of the industry. ness from certain disaster, However, S&N has a well-will settle for Triplex being

established position in the take-home market, which accounts for a fifth of the total beer business.

The newly-acquired Home Triplex reported pretax profiles regional position in same period last year and strong regional position in same period last year and strong regional position in same period last year, and Nottinghamshire. These are announced its first interim

be about £3 million, but it ments, they centre on the could treble next year. company's failure to make a

froth in the Matthew Brown perhaps of about £12 millioo price has settled. Other cor- against Triplex's own capital-porate ambitions are likely to ization of £17 million —

hungry nature of the rest of vision, emerging as the main profit centre, with quality For this year S&N ought to engineering businesses high make £85 million — and the oo its shopping list.

players in the independent oil

security.

tion and cash flow before the early 1990s, and to minimize huilding up debt through the development of some of its

major projects, such as the Miller and Arbroath oil fields and the Ravenspurn gas field. In addition to doubling its production and cash flow in 1987, the acquisition give Enterprise an interest in the Amethyst gas field, some exploration acreage, includ-ing a toebold overseas and £25 million of working

Without such a deal, profits at Enterprise would have been of the order of £18-£20 been of the order of £18-£20 million in 1987, according to Paul Gregory, oil analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbrokers. With the deal, profits will be nearer £40 million. The injection of £25 millioo working capital means that the combined entity will be the property of the page 100 pet debt and if it

have no net debt and if it makes no more acquisitions it should oot need to borrow until the end of 1988.

Indeed. Enterprise might feel tempted to make a few disposals of its own. Ninian. one of the earliest fields to be developed in the North Sea, is very low cost, and therefore a high tax paying field. Enterprise oow has more tax shelter than it can use and it may decide to realize the tax benefit by selling some of its smaller interests

ICI meanwhile, with its 25 per cent interest in Enter prise, retains an option on the oil price. It also receives a secure yield and a marketable

Even Lasmo gets a treat. Its 30 per cent interest in Enterprise is watered down to about 22 per cent, but it will be able to consolidate substantially greater earnings

BAA plc (formerly British Airports Authority).

Statement of results for the half year ended 30th September 1986 (unaudited).

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| Revenue | · 262 | 239 | 396 |
| Operating Costs | | 144 | 313 |
| Operating Profit | 94 | 95 | 83 |
| Interest | . (5) | (5) | (7) |
| Profit before Trustion | 89 | 90 | 76 |
| Taxation | (39) | (57) | (36) |
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| Profit for the Period | . 50 | 33 | 120 |
| Historic Cost Information | £,m | £m. | Ĺm |
| Revenue | 262 | 239 | 396 |
| Operating Costs | 149 | 122 | 267 |
| Operating Profit | 113 | 117 | 129 |
| laterest | (5) | (5) | (7) |
| Profit before Taxation | 108 | 112 | 127 |
| Taxation | (39) | (57) | (36) |
| Profit on Ordinary
Activities after Taxation
Extraorduary Items | 69 | 55 | 86
80 |
| Profit for the Period | 69 | 55 | 166 |

 On lst August 1986, the business, assers, liabilities, results and obligations of the British Airports Authority (BAA) were transferred to BAA plc and its subsidiaries. The comparative figures and the first four months of the results for the six months ended 30th September 1980, therefore relate to BAA.

2. The principal reason for the difference between the CCA and the HCA operating profit is the charge for depreciation which for the six months to 30th September 1986 in respect of the CCA results is £44m (£38m). HCA results £25m (£38m). The charge for depreciation for the 12 months to 31st March 1986 was CCA £80m; HCA £37m.

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This statement has been pre-pared in accordance with accounting policies used in the statutory financial state-ments for the year coded 31st March 1986.

4. Taxation has been provided at 36° (1985 40°4) being the esti-mated effective rate for the full war. The charge for the period to 31st March 1986 reflects the re-appraisal of deferred cav-ation provisions following the revision of SSAP No. 15. on of SSAP No. 15.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

In the Annual Report for 1985/6, I indicated that BAA was experiencing a marked decline in the growth of traffic following increased terrorist activity and the incidents in Libya and Chernobyl. In the first six months of this financial year US traffic was down 17% on the same period last year, domestic routes saw a slight fall and European scheduled traffic remained at summer 1985 levels. There was, however, strong growth in the outbound holiday market, which increased by 20%. The wide variation in types of traffic and the spread of routes at BAA's airports resulted in a 1.5% overall increase in passenger outnbers over last year. Figures for the months of October and November also indicate an

The results of these contrasting markets explain why Garwick and Glasgow with their higher proportion of leisure traffic grew by 8% and 19% respectively while Heathrow saw a drop of 3%. Aberdeen experienced problems arising from the downturn in oil activity. and passenger traffic fell by 13%. Air transport movements increased by 0.8%, reflecting the

shower growth in passenger demand. Cargo tomage was up by 4.3%.

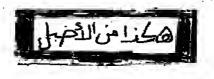
Revenue for the half year increased to £262m against £239m for the same period last year. This was mainly due to continued growth in commercial income, particularly from tax free sales. Operating costs for the six months rose by £24.5m largely because of the introduction of Headnow's Terminal 4, which opened on 1st April 1986, and very high security standards. However, firm management action to limit costs in response to the

decline in certain markets ensured that these increases were kept to the minimum.

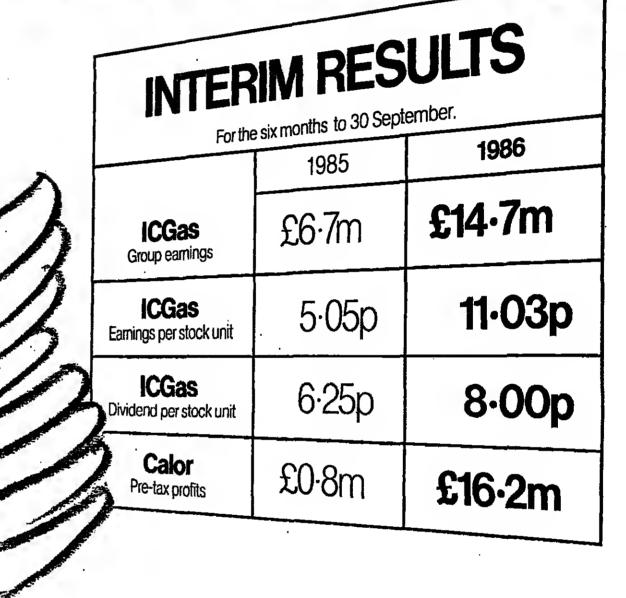
CCA operating profit at £93.6m was only slightly lower than for the corresponding period for last year and with interest charges, the profit before tax at £88.6m was down by (1985 (112.0m). This result reflects considerable credit on all our staff who coped at the same time with the evolution of the Company structure.

Provided the recent traffic recovery is sustained, the profit for the year shoold be broadly comparable with BAA SIR NORMAN PAYNE CHE F. Eng. The mark look

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Fuel for these outstanding results has been provided by Calor Gas, where pre-tax profits are up from £0.8 million to £16.2 million.

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Looking to the full year, prospects for ICGas' earnings are very good and those for Calor Gas are excellent.

All of which, we calculate, should bring a warm glow to our shareholders as well as our customers.

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A copy of the full interim statement can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Imperial Continental Gas Association, 14 Moorfields Highwalk, London EC2Y 9BS. Tel: (01) 628 3272.

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By Diana Wildman

Timeshare must now be considered an established form of leisure investment as

the concept has already attracted about

80,000 British purchasers into develop-

However, like so many commercial enterprises, there are numbers of less

than ethical operators keen to snatch a share of the profits. To this end, the reputable companies, which are in the majority, have formed various self-

regulatory bodies. But until these small groups can link up to form a sizeable

organization, their overall impact on the

industry must surely be small.

The three main organizations are the

British Property Timeshare Association,

the European Holiday Timeshare Association and the latest, Timeshare

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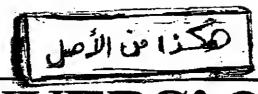
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David Miller, Chief Sports

Correspondent, writes of Steffi Graf,

the teenage wonder girl, and the men behind her ambition to be the best

tennis player in the world

the Woman Borg.
The girl who will topple Martina Navratilova.

Some would say that the In her first tournament, for under-8s in Munich, an umnite called a point in favorant.

Some would say that the inherent strains in such a relationship when she is 17—

would never be a player. That was the last time Steffi
Graf cried on court, though
she has shed tears a few times
after a match. "Crying is

Tyet to listen to the two of
them talking, off duty so to
speak, in the family home
alongside the tennis and bowlnormal and spontaneous, it is ing club where all the winter healing," Peter Graf, her father says. He is also her coach. believe the relationship is It is a parent-child relation-balanced and relaxed. The ship in competitive sport as unique, and at the present stage successful, as has been the father-son Coe partnership.

As with the Coes, the parent has been criticized for driving the child too severely, yet Steffi, like Sebastian, is emphatic that the intensity of the partnership is at her behest, under her direction and control. "I need him, be's most important to me, but he wouldn't be so close if I didn't want it," she says.

When she lost the Virginia Slims final to Navratilova recently, her eye tended to seek him out in the crowd, where he tries to sit anony-

he has been called, in recent months of or coaching, she says, just to know that he is there. It makes pire called a point in favour of her opponent on a shot that was blatantly out. She cried in disbelief, and the tournament organizer told her father she

> practice takes place, is to father seems protective rather than proprietorial. "There are people who are jealous, who disapprove because I am father-coach-manager," Peter Graf says. "Yet I know what is right for her, I know her mentality and character."

Earlier this year, Peter em-ployed Pavel Slozil, the former Czechoslovak Davis Cup player, as full-time practice partner for his daughter. The intention is to modify her fundamental baseline game to include a more flexible, allcourt serve-and-volley style which is imperative if she is to displace the seemingly impregnable Navratilova. match. He has to Though she beat Navratilova how to handle her.

to be released from hospital in California, where he underwent

shoulder surgery on Friday. His

surgeon said that it would take three months for McMahon to regain the full range of motion

in the arm he uses to throw.

Officials from the City of

Cardiff have presented a claim to the NFL to host the American

summer. Wembley officials, who staged the inaugural match

between the Bears and the Dallas Cowboys last summer,

are also negotiating with the NFL An NFL spokesman said a

decision of where - and even if

the game will be played would be taken next month.



Wonder woman: Steffi Graf, West Germany's teenage phenomenon, has set her sights on toppling Martina Navratilova

in the German Open and lost a thrilling semi-final in the US Open after having three match points, she lost the Slims final in three straight sets.

Peter, an outstanding former club player, had intended to retreat hut Steffi will not let him go. The day I called on her at Bruhl, outside Heidelberg, she was serving, again and again, from a hucket of 50 balls at Slozil, and from midcourt volleying his returns to the baseline corners. For-midable stuff. Yet she is, allegedly, a difficult person in training.

have to coach the coach," Peter says with a smile. "Pavel is still learning that Steffi is reluctant to talk during practice, that she just wants to concentrate and slam away the winners as she does in a match. He has to discover

There is, indeed, a remark- point." When she wants a able difference in her manner laugh, she practices lefton and off court. Her focus, handed.

Her wish is not to be rich (which she relatively already is), or famous, but to master when playing is absolute. I had arrived at Bruhl early and when she came off court she said, almost abruptly: "Yes, we are meeting. At live." An hour later, showered and relaxed, she was a slightly coy, smiling, relaxed schoolgirt.not the game, to play it beautifully. Perfectly. "I want to be a baseliner who can come to the net when it's necessary. To be able to do what I want on the the phenomenon who is the court, what I feel like." fourth prize money winner of the year (\$455,000) third in

Her personality is expressed through her racket, though she is not the impersonal, inscrutable machine that Borg was. She knows she has not a waiting mentality, that the match has to be played her way. That is why the silent winter weeks will be spent volleying against Slozil.

had said she was too un-emotional: "Either I play or I laugh." It is the self-generating discipline of which champions "I have to work at serveand-volley. I don't really know as yet where to go. Against other volleyers, in the are made. "I cannot smile when I play," she says. "The past, they have known I won't boy who come in. If I did, I put more tennis. fun for me is in ending the

pressure on myself." Now, she is strengthening the serve: slower swing, more snap. Taking risks. Navratilova does not hit passing shots that well, she

Will she, like Borg, Austin Jaeger, become prematurely burned out? No, her father says emphatically, because she wants to win points in six or seven strokes, not 30 or 40. And she does not have the spinal strain of a two-handed backhand. The intention is to keep the quality high and the tournaments low

So far as it is possible to be normal in contemporary professional sport, Steffi seems pretty normal. Her parents, her younger brother Michael's humour, her two dogs: such conventional family conventional surroundings should help.

Tomorrow: Boris Becker, the boy who launched a nation into

title takes on a Formula 1 look

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle Yaeht Club record in sports marketing and Costa Smeralda advised FIFA on several world

arrangements for the World 12-metre ebampionship. in be held in Sardinia next June and July. It is an ambitious and

expensive programme designed in retain the impetus that this America's Cup has given to sailing's most glamorous and costly sector.

The tralian club will charter a

freighter in ship the top six challengers and two top defenders from Fremantle in Porto Cervo, the regatta headquarters, free of charge. Pens and lifting facilities will also be cost-free for these eight teams.
Other countries not currently

represented in the Cup, notably Sweden, Japan and Spain, are tikely in charter boats in take part. The fleet could well exceed 20 yachts. Unlike the world titles held off Fremantle last February the format will be a mixture of fleet races and match racing. From June 25 to June 30 there will be six fleet races. The there will be six theet races. The top eight boars then go into match racing semi-finals, in two divisions, culminating in a best-of-three final from July 8.

Gian franco Alberini, commandante of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, explained that the club mass form between

that the club was torn between the speciacle of fleet racing — which proved highly popular in Australia — and the needs of a

primarily match racing class.
What YCCS was in no doubt
about was the need to market
and publicise the event in the hilt as part of the process of getting 12 metres on a sound footing as the sailing equivalent of formula one motor racing.

We may be able in completely relax Rule 26 and have boats named after companies

and have sponsors on the spinnakers," Alberini said. "The whole intention is to make more opportunities for sponsors in the whole 12-metre class. In pursuit of this goal YCCS

have brought in the London firm of West Nally as sponsor-ship and marketing consultants. A new logo has been produced and registered. "We feel that 12metres are at a small beginning leading to the stage of tennis, soccer and equestranism, said Mr Pat Nally, who flew here from Loudon for the presentation. "The needs of spousors and the competitors can be met and reconciled if the event is handled in a co-ordinated way." West Nally have a long track

have announced cups. Syndicates or 12-metre the preliminary teams without sponsorship backing for the event in Sardinia have been invited to liaise with the company who may be able to match companies wishing to

participate with yachtsmen wishing to compete.

R1E, the Italian national television network, have accepted an invitation in be host broadcaster. Their coverage, both packaged and as a raw television feed, will be available on a freeaccess basis in world media organisations.

This is in sharp contrast in Fremantle and the America's Cup where the International Management Group, representing Royal Perth Yachi Club, have asked considerable sums for access in pool television footage. IMG have no involve-

ment with next year's regains.
"We want the maximum
number of people around the
world to be able to see what 12metre racing is like and how exciting it can be," Alberini said. Costa Smeralda, the ultra chie yacht cluh created by the Aga Khan at his Porto Cervo resort, hosted the first world 12metre championship in 1984.
Interestingly there was a ruling by the International 12metre Association that no
shrouds or pens could be used

"That could happen again."
Alberini said. "It is for ITMA to decide but it would be fascinated." decide but I would be ascinating in see what some of these boats here look like." It is virtually certain that no new 12-metres will be built between now and the world champion-ship. That process will begin around 18 months before the

next cup.

Alberini stressed that without the Deed of Gift restrictions on crew and designer nationalities, or nes on where a boat was built, the event had minimal secrecy and aided the dissemination of knowledge within the 12-metre community. Mr Harry Ander-son, chairman of ITMA, said: "Our hope is in have a world 12-metre championship every year. It's the strength of the class and vital to its future."

It emerged at the meeting that there may be an additional Mediterranean 12-metre event next northern summer. Côte d'Azur / Provence region, a French body who sponsor the hapless Challenge France, are promoting a regarta at Cannes io September. Details are scarce as

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Running ploy pays as the Bears bounce back

By Robert Kirley

The Chicago Bears scrapped an ineffective passing attack in the final period and relied on their running to score 13 points and gain a 16-13 win against the Detroit Lions in the National at 13-13 nine minutes from Football League on Monday.

Doug Flutie, the quarterback, The Bears' quarterback, Jun took charge when Mike Torn-MeMahon, who was injured bruise during Chicago's first series. Tomezak is expected to be fit to play in the Bears' regular-season finale at Dallas on Sunday. Flurie completed 13 of 24 passes for 130 yards and one interception, but he committed three of the Bears' five fumbles. Chuck Long, the first-year Detroit quarterback who was making his debut as a starter, was 12 of 24 for 167 yards, one interception and a four-yard muchdown pass to Leonard Thompson. Eddie Murray kicked field goals of 52 and 41 yards in the first half.

Kevin Butler's second field goal of the fourth quarter and third of the game provided the

Stephen Hendry, the Scottish teenager being tipped as a future world champion, has an early chance for revenge when be faces Steve Davis in a six-game challenge series worth £24,000 next month.

Hendry, seed 17 from Edin.

Scotland with each match worth £4,000 to the winner. Hendry and his partner, Mike

Hallett, were beaten 12-3 by Davis and Tony Meo in the final of the Hofmeister world doubles at Northampton on Sunday but

at Northampton on Sinday our the youngster is determined to take his revenge.

He said: "This will be my greatest test. Steve has set all the high standards in snooker and they are the sort of standards that I want to achieve." in just six weeks, is top of the current prize money list with £143,000 and he has not been beaten north of the border for

SNOOKER

next month,
Hendry, aged 17, from Edinburgh will meet Davis on six
successive nights, from January
19 to 24, at venues throughout

Davis, who has won £108,000 more than five years. He admit-ted: "I want that record to stay intact. Stephen is still learning the game but everyone knows that be's a tremendous prospect.

BOXING

Hendry out to turn the tables Spa stopover on way to throne From Bryan Stiles. Accord Towns. Visited.

Duke McKenzie's ambition is not a modest one: be wants to be a champion of the world. But the duke who would be king is a modest, realistic man who accepts he has embarked on a dangerous campaign littered with painful battles which must be won before he has a chance to ascend the throne as world flyweight king pin. When he turned professional

the rankings and second in the Slims points table. Her am-

hition this year had been to

win one tournament. She won

When she was 10, she told

the chief national coach, who

be sought out a king maker and would have none but Mickey Duff, one of the more astute managers, matchmakers and promoters in the business. Duff, reluctant at first because of loftier commitments to take on the young upstart from Croy-don, now rejoices that he has guided his protegy so well that he is now European champion. Tought McKenzie defends his title for the first time since he wrested it from the grasp of Charlie Magri, the darling of British flyweights. He has travelled in this sociuded spa resort high in a northern Italy valley in meet Gianpiero Pinna, the of-ficial challenger, nominated by the European Boxing Union,

even though he has not fought

has had to go to a far distant valley has not bothered McKenzie. He is used to travelling thousands of miles to further his ambition and display his boxing skills, though mainly at the flashier fight venues in the United States. The purse offered by Reuzo Spagnoli secured the

bout and be opted to stage it in this delightful town of thermal springs and charming vistas for big city venues in Italy priced themselves out of the running and Acqui Terme was willing to pay for the privilege of putting itself on the tourist map.

McKenzie, aged 23, stands high as a flyweight at 5ft 7in and

has a regal way of boxing, upright and elegant. He comes from princely lighting stock, with three brothers who have skirmished around the boxing arenas with varying degrees of success. Duke has now matched his brother, Clinton, who until recently beld the British and European light welterweight

McKenzie and his manager regard mnight's contest as another step in the essential learn-

Regina v A. L Industrial

Before Lord Justice Watkins,

Mr Justice Drake and Mr Jus-nice Ognali

The word "process" as used in

the Factories Act 1961 connoted

some continuous activity regu-

some continuous activity regu-larly carried on within a factory as a normal part of the operation of the factory, and did not include a single operation such as the demobilion and removal of a disused kiln.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of A.L. Industrial Products nic against its convic-

[Judgment December 16]

Products plc

The fact that as champion he ing process. He cannot afford to lose. "I want to fight like a champion and win like a champion tonight," McKenzie said.
"I know as much as I want to about Pinna but I prefer not to watch videos of my opponents because they can be misleading. He is going to fight as hard as be can but it is all or nothing for me so I am relaxed about the fight. I feet no pressure".

The Croydon boxer seems in be a few classes above the Italian

being ranked fifth by the World Boxing Association and sixth by the World Boxing Council. He has won all his 14 bours, while Pinna has lost three of his 17, including two defeats by Franco Cherchi, who lost to Magri, a McKenzie victim. So all form points to a McKenzie victory but even the best laid plans sometimes get overturned in a profession where one slip can spell disaster.

Also on the hill tonight are Stuart Lithgo, of Hartlepool who beld the Commonwealth cruiserweight fille for seven months in 1984, and Rocky Feliciello, light middleweight from Rhyl, born in Wales but whose parents come from traly. place. The Bond syndicate's from Rhyl, born in Wales but

Australia IV close gap

Ill in the battle to be the defending yacht in the America's Cup finals in Fre-mantle next month.

Kookaburra III now leads the defenders's table by six points over the Alan Bond's 12-me-tre - the only successful protest of five lodged in the last two days of racing between the four boats. Australia IV was awarded three points after the defenders' race jury ruled that Kookaburra

II. Kevin Parry's other yacht,
had breached a right of way rule
on Sunday, the last day of the
third elimination series.

Kookaburra 11 lost three

Removal of kiln not a 'process'

A successful poiots boost takes Australia IV protest from Australia IV has Kookaburra III because the semi-finals, starting on December 27, are worth six points for a win. A proposal to introduce a knockout system in place of points scoring to decide the semi-finals was rejected

DEFENDER STANDINGS

Won Lost Pts 28 4 53 21 9 47 18 12 34 19 3 27 12

 Miehael Fay, syndicate head of New Zealand, the leading challengers, has decided the \$5,000 won in a wager from Tom Blackaller, skipper of rival vacht LISA for bearing America II on Sunday will be invested on the New Zealand stock market

Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

Fire starter liable for fireman's burn

Before Lord Justice Dillon. Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Neill

[Judgment December 16]

A person who negligently started a fire was liable in damages to a fireman who was injured in fighting the fire even though it was an ordinary fire with no unusual features or special hazards.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plain-tiff fireman. Mr Michael Chiagoro Ogwo, from a decision of Mr Jusace Nolan on November 25, 1985 after the trial of an action brought against the defendant, Mr R. A. Taylor. Mr B. A. Hymer, QC and Mr John Leighton Williams, QC, for the plaintiff, Mr William Crowther, QC and Mr Robert Moxon Browne for the defen-dant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the defendant was burning off the paint on the fascia board under the guttering of his roof with a hlowlamp when the roof timbers caught

The fire brigade was summoned and among the team was the plaintiff. The plaintiff went up into the roof space to tackle

He was wearing normal fireman's gear and breathing apparatus, with a mask over his face. He took the hose with him to play water on the fire, and the impact of the water on the fire necessarily caused steam.

When the fire was put out the plaintiff found that he had suffered serious burns under his fireman's tunic. Those would have been caused by steam rather than by direct flames. The plaintiff's injuries were severe and very painful; the figure for damages had been

agreed, if liability was established, at £12,902 including interest. The issue was fishility. There was no suggestion that the contents of the roof space were unusually combustible or that there was any special danger from some hidden cause. It was an ordinary fire, in a confined space, with nothing unusual about it.

against the defendant on the ground that the defendant had been negligent at common law in starting the fire and allowing it to get out of control. The court had to consider whether a person who neg-

ligently started a fire might in the absence of special circumstances not known to the fire-man be liable to a fireman who was injured in fighting that fire. It was well-established that a person who negligently started a fire in a house was liable for any damage to an adjoining house caused by the spread of the fire. So equally he was liable for any

injury to any person which was a foreseeable consequence of the negligent starting of the fire and its consequent spread. The foresecability of the injury was the crux of the matter, since in the present case Mr Justice Nolan held that the defendant could not reasonably

have foreseen the injury which the plaintiff would suffer from an ordinary fire in an ordinary loft of an ordinary house. That approach of the judge was extremely difficult to reconcile with the decision of Mr

Justice Woolf in Salmon v Seafarer Restaurants ([1983] 1 WLR 1264). In that case the fire had been started in premises through the negligence of the defendant occupier. The plaintiff fireman was told to use a ladder to get to the second floor, via a flat roof. As

he was doing so, outside the premises, there was an explosion inside the premises because the fire had reached the gas meter and the plaintiff was injured by the explosion.

Mr Justice Woolf held that the defendant was liable in damages to the plaintiff and then considered whether there was any basis for limiting the duty which was owed to firemen, because they were specially trained to deal with the dangers inherent in any out-break of fire. He concluded that there was not. His Lordship agreed with him.

Fire was inherently dangerous. If a person negligently started a fire and allowed it to get out of control it was predictable that the fire brigade would

present case. If the fire was in a confined space such as the loft it was predictable that a fireman tackling the fire might be injured for all his skills and protective clothing.

The person who had negligently started the fire could not assume that the fireman's protective clothing made him mune from all injury from In the present case, injury to

In the present case, injury to the plaintiff from the flames of the fire was predictable. Injury from steam was perhaps, as the judge thought, less predictable. But the steam was the natural consequence of playing water on a fire in a confined space in order to extinguish the fire. It was demace in no way different was damage in no way different in kind from damage caused directly by the flames. It must therefore follow that the injury to the plaintiff was a

predictable consequence of the defendant's negligence in starting the fire and the defendant as hable for it. The defendant argued in the alternative that he owed no relevant duty to the plaintiff, because the plaintiff, as a trained fireman, undertook to take all the risks inherent in

endeavouring to extinguish an ordinary fire.
The defendant did not put that plea on the ground of volenti non fit injuria but on the ground of absence of duty. It was said rather that there was oo

duty of care owed to the plaintiff, in the case of an ordinary fire, because the plaintiff undertook to bear the ordinary risks of his calling.
His Lordship could not see that it followed, because the plaintiff undertonk for the benefit of the public to use his skills to fight fires, be also undertook, vis-a-vis the defendant, not to make any claim if by the defendant's carelessness he suffered injury in fighting in the course of his duties an un-

necessary extra fire. Beyond that the answer of the in his Lordship's judgment, 50). Plainly that was a matter for provided by the decision of the the judge's discretion.

On the question whether the control of the question whether the question whether the control of the question whether Beyond that the answer was, Court of Appeal in Haynes v Harwood ([1935] I KB 146) where a policeman who was the prosecution in establish

stop some runaway borses recovered damages because he was trying to save people in danger from death or injury. in the present case there was-

no indication that any other persons were in imminent danger of death or injury while the plaintiff was engaged in extinguishing the fire. But the nature of the fire was such that if unchecked it would spread and create increasing danger to people as well as property.

Accordingly, the "rescue" principle was as fully applicable as if other human beings were in immediate jeopardy when the plaintiff went into the loft to fight the fire. His Lordship did not agree with the reasons and conclusion of the judge.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Neill agreed. Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners, Ilford; Berrymans.

the appeal of A.I. Industrial Products plc against its conviction on April 29, 1986 in Stoke-on-Trent Corwn Court (Mr Recorder Stuart Shields, QC) following a change of plea, after a ruling on points of law, to guilty of contravening regulations 5(1) and 8(1) of the Asberts Regulations (51, 1966) **Judicial discretion on** jury protection moves

Regina v Ling Regina v Jacobs Regina v Thompson

On an application for a jury to receive protection the trial judge had a discretion as to whether the prosecution should be required to call evidence in support of the application.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice Schiemann) so held on December 9 when dismissing the appeals of Anthony John Ling John Jacobs and Frank James Thompson from their convictions on February 10, 1986 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Rant, QC and a jury) of

theft

LORD O'CONNOR said that from time to time a court was asked to authorize jury protection (see R v Dodd ((1981) 74 Cr App R defence were entitled to require

their contention that jury protection should be ordered by calling evidence, in their Lordships' judgment a judge had a discretion. It was of course open to the defence to submit that the judge should not authorize protection without bear-ing evidence, and if the judge did require evidence it was open to the defence to cross-examine the witnesses.

Their Lordships did not think there was any need for the jury to be told the reasons for authorizing protection, so long as they were told that the fact of protection was not to be used by them in any way adverse to the defendant. It had been submitted that

there was not sufficient material

to enable the judge to exercise his discretion properly; there should be material to show that the risk of interference with the jury was substantially increased. In their Lordships' judgment the judge did have the material before him, and there were no grounds for interfering with the exercise of his discretion. No 690) and section 155(2) of the Pactories Act 1969 by failing (while demolishing a Shelly top hat kiln) to provide approved respiratory protection. Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC, Mr Peter Bowers and Mr Timothy Devlin for the appellant

company: Miss Heather Swindells for the Crown. MR JUSTICE DRAKE said that before the recorder the legal submissions made for the appel-1 that the demolition of the kiln

was not a "process in a factory" within the Asbestos Regulations as it was unconnected with the manufacturing processes under-taken in the factory and was an isolated incident; 2 that the definition in regula-tion 2(3) of "asbestos dust" involved consideration of the number of asbestos fibres in the

atmosphere and the likely effects of that on the health of those exposed to it, taking into account the length of such exposure and that, in view of the employee's short exposure to the dust cloud, be had not been exposed in dust "containing asbestos in such an extent as was liable to cause danger to his

The recorder had ruled: 1 that "process" for the pur-poses of the Asbestos Regulanons, meant any activity involving asbestos;

2 that the definition of "asbestos dust" in regulation 2(3) was simply a description of the dust and not a question as to whether the employed persons, by the length of time they breathed it in, were liable to be injured. If dust contained asbestos which was more than minimal, it was liable to cause danger to health.

Dealing with the first argument, the Asbestos Regulations

were made under the provisions of the Factories Act 1961 and accordingly the word "process had to be construed according to the meaning to be given to it under that Act. Section 175 of the Act defined

"factory" as any premises in which persons were employed in manual labour in any process for or incidental to a number of stated purposes. Those stated purposes were widespread; but their Lordships thought that

they all envisaged some continuous form of activity. Section 175(1) included as process" (b) "the altering, repairing, ornamenting, finish-

ing, cleaning or washing or the breaking up or demolition of any article...... Their Lordships did not think that within the context of that section a kiln could properly be described as an "article". The word "process" as used in that section and elsewhere in the 1961 Act connoted some continuous activity regularly carried on within a factory, and did not include a single opera-tion such as the demolition and removal of a disused piece of

machinery or a kilm.

The recorder had taken the view that the single operation of demolishing a kiln fell within the definition of "process" found in the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, but their Lordships did not think it correct to view the demolition of the kiln carried out on one occasion as "a continuous and regular action or succession of

ctions . . .".
Accordingly, their Lordships thought that the dictionary definition was also against finding that such demolition was a

process".
Further, in ruling that the demolition of the kiln did constitute a "process", the re-corder had said that "process" should be interpreted so as to mean "any activity" going on in the factory.

That was the interpretation

given to it by Mr Justice Slade in Joyce v Boots Cash Chemists (Southern) Ltd ([1950] 2 All ER 719, 721), when he adopted the meaning given to it by Lord Moncrieff in Ward v Collness Iron Co Ltd ([1944] SC 324). Their Lordships had considered Ward v Coliness and agreed

with Mr Hawkesworth that what was said by Lord Moncriefl about the word "process" was only incidental to the decision. Their Lordships thought that it was wrong to extend the meaning of process in the 1961 Act beyond some manu-

operation.

bore in mind that they were construing regulations the breach of which constituted a criminal offence exposing the offender in penalties. From the argument heard on

appeal there could be no doubt that the meaning of "process" was open in more than one interpretation; it would there-fore be right for their Lordan on in adopt that interpretation which was most favourable to the appellant.

As the first ground of appeal had been decided in favour of the appellant company it was not surcely necessary in consider the second ground.

On that point there appeared to be no previously decided

Their Lordships bad to der ite the point merely on construction of regulation ? which provided that ker erences in these Regulations to asbestos dust shall be taken to be reference to dust consisting of or containing asbestos in such an extent as is liable to cause danger to the health of em-

ployed persons." If the argument for the appellant company was right, then in order to prove an offence against the regulation the prosecution would, hy medical evidence, have to show that some employee or employees had been exposed to aspentos dust for a period long enough to be liable to have caused many

to health. The effect of that might will be that a prosecution constitute succeed until the health in the work employee or employees (199) actually been injured. True would undermine or de-ir. protection in employees and b their Lordships had no a tobe to have been the aim .. the

legislation. Accordingly, their and in thought that the appeal of nol succeed on ground. However as the said was successful on ground, the conviction of the appellant company will a

quashed. facturing process or continuous Solicitors: Grindeys, 5.04.and regular activity carried on on-Trent; Solicitor, Health and as a normal part of factory Safety Executive.

for that reknowned

horsemistress Henrietta

Knight. The experience that

the mare gleaned during those

formative days could easily

stand her in good stead now when she is taking a step up in

class against Ribobelle who was useful over hurdles.

a good chance of winning the

Charles Vickery Memorial Cup following that fine run

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0

Guide to our in-line racecard

Pascecard number. Draw in brackets. Str-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-stipped up. R-refused). Horse's weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times name (B-britkers. V-risor. H-hood. E-Bresheld. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course price.

FORM KLSYTH (10-11) beat Camebelle (10-10) 41, with ROYAL TYCOON (10-10) another 20%1 back in blow at the winner when 81 2nd to Kouros (11-3) at Townsester (2m, 2130, good to 50th Dac 13, 16 ran). LBLE (10-0) on perulitinates start last season finished 141 4th to Ogden York (16-7) in a handicap hurdle at Taumton (2m 31, 21348, good to firm, May 16, 11 ran). OUR GRACEs led 5th lenest start; previously (10-13) 11130 to Ular Bator (11-4) at Wincarton (2m 51, 21852, good oo, Oct 30, 17 ran). RISOBELLE, a six times secret over hurdles, finished last season (11-5) with a 71 4th to Wild Com (10-0) at Newbury (2m, 22624, good, Mar 21, 21 ran). WINDRUSH SONG (10-5) successful earlier in the season when beating Razzle Dazzle Boy (11-5) 41 in a novice hurdle here (2m 41, 5685, good to firm, Oct 10, B ran).

3 4P1012-2 GARBIR (CD,BF) (Lord Vestey) II Nicholson 8-11-7 R Durwoody
6 0/8114-3 NO PARDON (C) (A Hobbs) P Hobbs 11-11-3 Peter Hobbs
8 312100- SHORT RATE (P Nelson) M Fetherston-Godley B-10-7 S Sharwood
9 020/F4P- TRISKA (B,C) (A Hunt) I. Kennard 16-16-1 R Rowe
10 212/F30 GALA PRINCE (D) (Mrs M Astori) J King 8-10-0 S Howell
11 124F00- GALA PRINCE (D) (Mrs M Astori) A Janvis 9-10-0 T Janvis
12 30-2211 TUDOR ROAD (C) (A Stoddart) L Kennard 11-10-0 B Powell
14 0U32-40 WOODLAND GENERATOR (Miss M Presce) P Princhard 7-10-0 N Fearm (7)
1985: CONTRADEAL B-11-10 S Shiston (4-1) F Walwyn 13 ren

FORM: GAMBIR (11-10) far from disgraced on seasonal reappearance when X 2nd to The Last Prince outing when 21 X 3rd to Make (11-2) at Nothingham (3m, 22054, good, Dec 1, 4 rgm). NO PARDON (X1-2) looked in need of the outing when 21 X 3rd to Measter (11-4) at Nothingham (3m, 22054, good, Dec 1, 4 rgm). NO PARDON (11-5) looked in need of the Outing of which the Company of the State (10-3) on final outing of last season finished just under 18 8th to Another Brownies (16-10) at State (11-0) at Art (10-3) on final outing last season finished just under 18 8th to Another Brownies (16-10) at 21.2380, good, Jen 5, 10 ran), On only completed outing last season TRISKA (11-2) finished 701 4th to Lest Suspect (11-2) at Chepstow (3m 5, 24559, gott, Mar 15, 5 ran). LE GRAN BRUN (11-0) best effort this season on penultimete star when 13 3rd to Cerimau (11-2) at Laicoster (3m, £1765, good, Nov 28, 7 ran). TUDOR ROAD (10-2) on a hat-trick after beating Notro Cheval (10-7) 4l at Taunton (3m 11, £2290, good, Dec 4, 6 ran).

Selection: GAMBIR

2.0 TATTERSALLS NOVICE CHASE QUALIFIER (Mares: £1,753: 2m) (18 runners)

2.30 ST NICHOLAS HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,637; 3m) (8 runners)

3.0 TURKEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,135: 2m) (22 runners)

REDALUTION (N White) M Castell 4-11-0

22- KINGS FOLLY (Mrs A Gregg) D Haydn Jones 4-11-0

LE GRAND MATRE (Le Meitre & Co Ltd) G Roe 5-11-0.

2 SALCOMBE (14th B Gittins) II Barrons 4-11-0
PF SULPHIR (R Fellows) R Fellows B-11-0
THE CHESSEMAN (Mrs C Sheridan) F Sheridan 6-11-0
3-0 TRUE SPARTAN (T Eckley) G Price 6-11-0
00 VISUAL EDENTIFY (F Jordan) F Jordan 4-11-0
00 CAWARRA BELLE (Mrs M Hoklen) C James 5-10-9
00 LEGAL AID (P HB) L Kennerd 6-10-8
LITTLE-MAUREEN (R Brookes) J P Smith 5-10-9
002-MARS GIRL (Bernatt) L Barrett 4-10-9
0 PEPPAHMENT LASS (H Shouler) D Nicholson 4-10-9
0-5 TUBOR THE REST (D Broom 9 Mellor 8-10-9

NARCISSUS (V Goodall) R Akehurst 4-11-0. 2 SALCOMBE (Mrs B Gittins) II Barons 4-11-0.

Promising Le Carotte can make flying start to hurdling career

Le Carotte, who is trained job well, being by the success-by Philip Hobbs near ful young stallion Balinger, dolph Place who is Gordon Minchead in Somerset, is out of a winning hurdler who napped to win the first di-vision of the Turkey Novices' Hurdle at Worcester today chaser Royal Relief. when he will be ridden by his

has never raced over hurdles, I three educational bumper concede that lack of experience is not on our side whereas Ruhy Flight, 20 lengths at Warwick in Derryring. Fleurcone and Kilimanjaro Bob have all shown promise over timber in market at 6-1, having been races of this nature.

However, I prefer Le money around the country at the first six.

Carotte for three good reasons. First, he is said in have Then, he was twice third,

Gambir (2.3) taken to jumping in practice initially at Newbury and then like the proverbial duck takes again at Chepstow where he

Second, he is bred to do the

12.30 LE CAROTTE (nap).

12.30 TURKEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,158: 2m) (22 runners)

ON MAJOR ANTHONY (Miss A Windfield) J Whitheld 6-11-0...

P MOUNTAIN SECRET (Mrs S Bard) J Bradley 4-11-0...

NICOGMAN (D Barcos) D Barcos 4-11-0...

O NOBLE STORM (Mrs S Hatt) P J Jones 4-11-0...

PARKET JACKSON (R Winternan) M Oliver 4-11-0...

O PARK MILL (L Barratt) L Barratt 4-11-0...

THOROUGH JUSTOPE (G Lennes L Berchaum 4-11-0...

U PARK MILL (L Barrati) L Barrati 4-11-0

OT TUDOR JUSTICE (G Jones) A Brisbourne 4-11-0

O/ VALE RIVER (C Lakin) B Palling 5-11-0

300/ WESTERN WARRIGR (C Roach) C Roach 6-11-0

P BLACKTOP (B Weils) B Weils 5-10-9

BLACKTOP (B Weils) B Weils 5-10-9

ELECTROPET (I) Edwards) A Ingham 4-10-9

BLACKTOP ET (D Edwards) A Ingham 4-10-9

O/ RAYNE PARK (F) Barlow / J Bosley 5-10-9

1985: RIVA ROSE 4-10-10 M Pitman (7-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 22 ran

FORM RUBY FLIGHT (11-0) showed marked improvement on all previous form when beating Fill The Jug (11-0) 25I at Hereford, with CHANCE PARTNER (11-0) below his beat 10k1 further back in 4th (2m, £885, good to 50t, Dec 2, 17 ran). CHANCE PARTNER ran much better when (16-7) 4th to the useful Cinde Gri (11-10) at Stratford (2m. £855, good, No 6, 16 ran). PLEJERCONE was far from disgreed on hurdling debut when (10-7) 10l 2nd to the potentially top class novice Tartan Tailor (11-5) at Nottingham (2m. ±1086, good, Dec 1, 21 ran). KILIMANJARD BOB size made a promising debut (10-11) finshing 22 2nd to Spring Priting (11-2) in a well contasted Taunton povice hurdle (2m 11, £613, good to soft, Dec 4, 13 ran). LITTLE AND ROYAL ran twice in 1985/6 and only worthwhile form came when (10-12) 32 2nd to General Bibly (16-12) at Stratford (2m. £824, good, Oct 19, 13 ran). LE CAROTTE (16-11) 3rd, made good headway to finish well, beaten (4/2) to Randolph Place (10-11) at Chepstow (2m bumper race, £2889, soft, Nov 29, 10 ran). Selection; RUBY FLIGHT

1.0 HOLLY AND THE IVY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,642: 2m) (9

1985: STRAY SHOT 7-11-12 E Murphy (6-4) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM WALNUT WONDER (11-1) little chance with first 2 when 22½1 3rd to Latin American (10-6) at Chetenham (2m, £2918, good, Dec 5, 6 ran). TIERENEE (11-10) lacked pace from the last when 3½1 3rd to Tar Boy (10-7) at Southwell 2m, £1234, good to soft, Dec 5, 10 ran). BEEN MUGGED has been running over hurdles this season, last placed over tences when (10-6) a length 2nd to Fortster [16-1) at Towester (2m, £1741, soft, Mar 29, 8 ran). Lightly raced CHELSEA BSLAND (10-8) was carrying a good deal of condition on reappearance when 12 2nd to Alataho (12-0) here (2m, £1573, good to soft, Dec 3, 4 ran), a race in which BEECH COPSE (10-0) was called of last ESSEX (10-5) last successful when beating Phyling Mistress (10-5) 1½ at Towester (2m, £175, good to soft, Dec 35, 6 ran). AWWING (10-0) stayed on from 2nd last when beating Harbour Bazzar (10-0) SL, with BEECH COPSE (10-0) an 8th tence faller, at Windsor (2m, £1315, good to soft, Nov 17, 8 ran). CHESTNUT PRINCE (10-0) best effort last season when beating The Welder (11-7) a neck over this course and distance (£1638, good to firm, Oct 10, 7 ran).

1965: REDGRAVE ARTIST 11-0 J Frost (2-1) K Bishop 8 ran

1.30 CHAMPAGNE SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,105: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

9 BUTE BOUGUET (Mrs Y Todd) R Juckes 10-9 Se 2P4F-02 GOLDEN JUNE (P Zennant) D Tucker 10-9 0 MULROY BAY (C Pointon) D Burchell 10-5 0000 POETS DAY (M Bottled) Mrs S Oliver 10-9 00048-0 ROGERS PRINCESS (R Smith) M Tate 10-9 00F-000 WHENTHEWINDRLOWS (Mrs F Olivinson) M Dickinson (Mrs F Olivinson) M DICKINSO

ORDIT RUBY FLIGHT (D) (R Ecidey) R Ecidey 4-11-5 ...
O DERRYTRING (M Radbourne) B Smart 4-11-0 ...
2 FLEURCONE (R Wynn) K Winte 4-11-0 ...
O JOE JAFFA (N Smith) N A Smith 5-11-0 ...
COO- KARWAK (D Esworth) II Elsworth 5-11-0 ...
KILBIANLARO BOB (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-11-0 ...
KING KAS (Anteriain Let) D Gandolfo 4-71-0 ...
ISB LE CAROTTE (Mrs J May) P Hobbs 4-11-0 ...
ZP- LITTLE AND ROYAL (T Switer) M Tate 6-11-0 ...

1.00 Awning. 1.30 God's Hnpe.

Going: soft

is very closely related to the late Edward Courage's fine

Third, Le Carotte has shown a more than average In selecting Le Carone, who amount of promise already in races this season.

He won the first of those hy September when he was anynihbled at with inspired

hy that immensely talented

WORCESTER

Selections By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 GAMBIR (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 GOD'S HOPE.

Richards's big hope for the

RACING: NICHOLSON TEAM SET FOR WORCESTER DOUBLE

In the circumstances, I regard Le Carotte as being ready for the task that confronts him now, and more than just a sporting bet to ohlige on his jumping debut.

High Trust (3.00), my selection to win the second division, caught the eye at Wincanton where he ran well in the race won by Perfect Double althnugh he did not actually manage to finish in

Dowling(7) • 56 7-1 ... B Powell 80 --... P Warner 96 3-1

83 ---

83 6-1

81 3-1 70 8-1 85 9-2

... A Price (7) the Duster (7) ... N Colonies

___ G Davies __ P Nicholis __ C Riann

longer odds.

Then, he was twice third, initially at Newbury and then again at Chepstow where he was beaten on each occasion he that impressely colored Vestey, David Nicholson and Vestey Nicholson and Vestey Nicholson and Vestey Nicholson and Nicholson a same course and distance ten days ago.

For the Racing Post Novices' Chase, I like the look of the recent easy Sedgefield winner Ready Token Richard Dunwoody a double.

Spearing receives £250 fine

John Spearing's decision to pull top weight Run And Skip out of the Hennessy Gold Cup on the morning of the race has Gillogue Lough won a point-to-point in the Heythrop country last spring cost the Alcester trainer a £250

> The Jockey Club's disci-plinary committee imposed the penalty on Spearing yesterday and also ordered that he should pay half of one per cent of the gnaranteed prize money of £25,000 - £125.

On the Tuesday before the race, which took place on November 22, Spearing said that he had left Rum And Skip in And so to Catterick Bridge where Melerek must be given at the four-day stage by mistake.

On the Friday, he claimed his
telephone had been out of order
and he was unable to contact
Weatherbys in time to withdraw against Scarlet Terror over the the borse.

At a separate hearing, the committee fined Gerry Gracey, the Caterham trainer, £150 for failing to release the passport of a horse that had left his stable.

R Denwoody
G Marmagh
Miles G Armytinge (4)
N Column
E Walte
R Creak
J Dogger
R de Hann
C Smith

. P Scudemore . M Brisbourne

... J Frost

Peter Hobbs 90 7-2 Sharwood 80 7-1

Dowling (7) Il Davies

85 10-1 90 — 90 5-2 81 —

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Reference Point, who yesterday was confirmed this season's leading two-year-old following a runaway victory in the Futurity Stakes at Doncaster on October 25

Reference Point rules in Free Handicap although fillies hold strong hand

By Michael Seely

Reference Point, the five third in the Cheveley Park tion figures into line with mighs conqueror of Bengal Stakes, we consider our rating North American and commerengths conqueror of Bengal Fire in October's Futurity to be her true superiority." Stakes at Doncaster was top rated in the European Free Handicap, the weights for which were published yes-terday, and is 6-1 favourite to give Henry Cecil his second Derby triumph at Epsom next

June.
"I reckon he's earnt the right to be there," said Cecil yesterday. He was so im-mature that I didn't think I'd improving and has done particularly well recently.

"At this stage I don't see him as a Guineas horse and I'm not going to try and force lies are going to receive from him. But if he comes to hand the colts next season. Despite early, we might be tempted." Bracketed together in the fillies among the nine top weights at 9st 5lb are Ajdal rated two-year-olds in the Free and Forest Flower, 2lb below Reference Point. Ajdal is favourite at 4-1 to repeat Shadeed's 1985 win in the

Without a shadow of a argument. Extensive studies doubt, Sheikh Mohammed's carried out in England, ireumbeaten Northern Dancer land and France over a period

Apart from the Futurity and the Dewhurst, the international panel of handicappers considered the Prix Marcel Boussac

Longchamp on Arc day to have been the most significant race run in Europe during the campaign. Miesque, the half-length winner, has been allotted 9st

mature that I didn't think I'd 3lb, Milligram, the runner-up. 9st 2lb, Sakura Reiko, who finished third, 9st 1lb.. There was, naturally, a great deal of discussion at the

meeting about the controversial 51b that two-year-old filthe fact that there were five Handicap, Gibbs stuck to his guns when discussing the mat-

"The fact that we have an 2,000 Guineas for Michael outstanding crop of fillies this stoute. outstanding crop of fillies this year does not affect our basic

cial assessments, the ratings become one of 130. Another innovation is that the panel have split the group of threevear-olds and upwards into five sections, varying from 14 furlangs plus down to five furlongs plus.
In the 11 furlongs plus

division. Dancing Brave has been given a rating of 141. This makes the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner over that distance the best horse to have come under the panel's scrutiny since the inter-national classification was introduced in 1977, one pound ahead of Shergar, the 1981 Derby winner, and also a pound in front of Alleged, judged on his second Arc win

To achieve this rating the panel have assessed Dancing Brave to be 7lb superior to Bering the 1½ lengths runner-up in Paris. They have also disregarded the running of the Lyphard colt when defeated in the Derby and also when finishing fourth to Manila in colt was the fastest of his sex in of years have shown that on an the Breeders' Cup Turf

Leading two-year-old weights and ratings

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Britain last season but after cruising to the front in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, Ajdal idled when in the lead and at the line had only threequarters of a length to spare over Shady Heights (9st 21b).

Forest Flower, first past the post in four of her six races for ian Balding, has been placed 51b ahead of Minstrella. In the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket. Forest Flower beat her old rival by 21/2 lengths but was later demoted for

interference. Commenting on their respective ratings, Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper, said: "We know that Minstrella beat Forest Flower hy a head in the Heinz 57 Stakes at Phoenix Park. But

that was in heavy ground. "Judged both on the fact that Forest Flower came out nearly 51h superior in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket and on a line through Canadian Mill, who finished

average fillies are at the very least 51b inferior to their male counterparts." As usual, Gibbs, his col-

leagues and the whole European panel have done a firstclass job in unravelling the tangled skeins of form. But it must be remembered that, in modern times, future classic candidates are more lightly raced as two- year-olds. For example, the brilliant Dancing Brave was only allotted 8st 10th last year oo the strength of two wins at Sandown and Newmarket. And Shahrastani, the 1986 Derby winner, finished the previous season as an unrated maiden after hav-

ing finished second at Newbury. Next year, Legal Bid might fall into the same category. Like Slip Anchor in 1984, Cecil's Spectacular Bid colt romped home in the Whatton Manor Stud Stakes at Nottingham on his only racecourse

Over the Eclipse distance of 10 furloogs Dancing Brave was accorded a figure of 134 and over a mile 130, equal with Last Tycoon.

"Thanks to Jimmy Kilrow. director of racing at Santa Anita, Last Tycoon was accorded this figure strictly on his win in the Breeders' Cup mile on Turf," said Gibbs.

" We hope that in the not too distant future we shall be able to join together with our colleagues in the United States to compile a joint North American and European classification."

Talking further on this subject, Gibbs said: "It is astonishing considering the climate and medication problems bnw accurately hnrses give their true running. There have been discussions about banning medication in the Breeders' Cup races, hut due to the complicated inter-state laws, it will be some years In order to bring classificabefore any agreement is likely to be reached."

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Folkestone

12.45 (2m 8f helle) 1, SAINT ACTON (6 Bradley, 5-4 hely; 2, Light The Lot (5 Sherwood, 8-1); 3, Let Hime By (R Duriwoody, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 9 island Edile (pu), Italian Survose, 10 Treble Chance (8th), 25 Majestic Brandy (pu), More One Way (pu), 33 Ayres Rock, Mukhuli (pu), Sugarville Lee (pu), The Nigelstan (5th), See Court (pu), Hilly-Down Lass (pu), Celtir (4th), 15 rpn. NR: Davy's Weir, Ferspour, 14, 15, rpn. NR: Davy's Weir, Ferspour, 14, 15, rpn. NR: Davy's Weir, Ferspour, 15, 150; SF: 212.74. 119 (2m ch) 1, BLIECHER (R 23.00, 21.10. DF: 23.50. CSF: 212.74.
1.19 (2m ch) 1, BLUECHER (R Goldstein, 13-2); 2, Daibury (G Moore, 11-4 layl; 3, Boyme Satmon (R Rowell, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Rambing Wild (481), 8 Jacuzzi (581), Stick's Brother (681), 12 Scale The Heighes (put, lick Matthee (put, 14 Rocebey Blue (put, 18 Cambrial (put, Fledge, 20 Boardmans Style (f), Byroc Boy, 25 Venetian Princess, 33 Prince Felix (put, 66 Uncle Dai, 18 ran, 8, 8, 61, 15, 114, D Grissell at Heathfield, Tota; 211,95; 23.10, 23.70, 25.60, DF: 218.70, CSF: 25.58,

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1.45 (2m 1 10yd) 1, IMARINE (C Cox, 5-2; 2 Themes Trader (A Webb, 16-1); 3. Facing Deem (R Goldstein, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 sey Training Pearl (Stin), 9 Mass Me Not, 10 Steemy, British Crown, 12 Liberty Welk, Dem And Doze (put), 14 Goldoration (put). Drummond Street (Sth). Tarleton Em. 20 Vagabond Victor, 33 Ballyssed (Hero (4th), Woolmans. 15 ran. 6t, 12, 35, 2, 254. C Holmas at Gerrards Cross. Tote: E3.20; 21.60, 22.40, 211.00. DF: 219.70. CSF: 248.40. Tricust: 2085.45. Winner solid to 8 Orciles for 3.200grs. sold to R Orgles for 3,200grts.

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CRICKET: DESPITE BORDER'S CENTURY AUSTRALIA NEED TO WIN BOTH REMAINING TESTS TO REGAIN THE ASHES

Moderate men short of ideas

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Adelaide

Having promised well, the third Test match turned out disappointingly. When it was left drawn yesterday, England were 39 for Iwo in their second innings, Australia having made a token declaration at rea time, 260 runs ahead with two hours left for play.

So England preserve their lead in the series. Australia having dooe oothing very much to relieve them of it. Both sides were, overall, overcautious, and Australia had rather less reason to be so than England. To regain the Ashes, Australia must now win both the remaining Test matches. The fourth Test starts in Melbourne on Boxing Day, the fifth in Sydney on January

They are two such moderate bowling sides that it will need a very different pitch from Adelaide's to achieve any result other than a draw. The last I heard from Melbourne was that they are preparing for a bigh-scoring draw, being tired of hearing criticism of

Worcs' move

Woreestershire County Cricket Club confirmed yesterday that they were giving 14 days' notice of approach to sign the Somerset all-rounder Ian Botham, whose contract expires on December 31 and who has declared his intention of leaving the county following the sacking of Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

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the pitches there; but I shall believe that when I see it. Although Sydney has just staged a Sheffield Shield stalemale between New South Wales and Western Australia, it would be unlike them there not to see that the ball turns for the Test

No Adelaide Test can have been played in much less seasonable weather than the one just finished. For three of the five days it was grey and cheerless, especially yesterday morning when only 20 overs could be bowled between frequent stoppages for a succession of nasty little drizzly squalls. It was more like late spring in the Parks at Oxford than high summer in South Australia. Any remote chance there may have been of an interesting last day's play was therefore sooo gone.

The loss of Adelaide's tra-ditional January Test, held over the Australia Day holi-day, is greatly resented here. Sunday. Having begun by leaving out a bowler, Australia were on the attack only for a few overs before they declared

Total (5 wikts dec) ______514
P R Sleep, †G C Dyer, M G Hughes and 8
A Reid did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1/3, 2-185, 3-311, 4-333, 5-368. 4-335, 5-366. BOWLING: Dilloy 32-3-111-1; Defreites 32-4-128-1; Emburey 46-11-117-1; Ed-monds 52-14-134-2; Getting 9-1-22-0.

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Captains ducking and weaving: Gatting, beraused after a first ball nought, while Border (right) plunders his 21st Test century For years it was a favourite their first innings, and it is his seventh against England, century in one innings and

fixture in the cricketing calendar, a sure success watched hy by 172,000 people in 1932-33 and never by fewer than 100,000. When Kerry Packer came along all that changed.
Adelaide's Test was moved to mid-December, since when it has never been the same attraction. The game just finished was watched by an aggregate attendance of 46,720.

In five days, 20 wickets fell for 1,209 runs. England were not alone io being prepared to take few chances in the quest for victory. The most forthright and adventurous innings played for either side was, in fact, Gatting's for England on

or three best in Australia and now coveted by Melbourne, who are losing theirs, will be blamed for having made too good a pitch. But I am oot sure that that is fair. It became a tedious and eventually boring match; but quite often until the last day there were ways of seeing how a result might be achieved and probably would have been had the bowling been stronger, The Australian bowlers are not up to much anyway, and since Brisbane Edmonds and Emburey have taken a wicket only every 31 overs at a cost of 60 runs

Almost inevitably, Border scored his 21st Test century

they who are losing the series.

The curator, one of the two in Adelaide, and his ninth as in Adelaide, and his ninth as Australia's captain. He batted for just over five hours, faced 253 balls, and gave a sugges-tion of a stumping chance off Emhurey when he was 85.

In six innings in the series, Ritchie has not been out for under 30. Although he concentrated oo defence yesterday, he still made quite pleasant watching. When Australia declared, Ritchie and Border had added 124 for the fourth wicket; when England went in, Athey was caught at the wicket down the leg-side, hooking at Hughes, and Gatting was bowled first ball, making room to hit Matthews through the covers off the

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

Stumps were drawn half-anhour early, and it was a

merciful release. Although bright by now, it was still cold and windy. More sweaters had been seen during the match than usually are in the whole of an Adelaide summer. Broad was grafting on, unprepared to get himself out, and Lamh was playing as though he knew his place might be in jeopardy if

he failed again.
For Australia, Reid was missing with a bruised heel. Of England's invalids, Botham is boping to have his first prac-tice before the end of the week. He left it to Liam, his son, to do his share of net bowling yesterday, and to show the yesterday, a number exceeded back foot. Gatting thus be unbridled promise that his only by Bradman and Greg came the second batsman in father probably did at the age Chappell for Australia It was the match to have scored a of nine...

series and with only two Tests to

ENGLAND (v Teammaks): B C Broad, C W J Athoy, M W Gasting, W M Stack, A J Lamb, J J Whitsker, P A J DeFreiten, B M French, C J Richards, J E Embursy, M A Foster, G C Small.

ember 26-30. FIFTH TEST (Sydney): January 10-

recent giant slaloms.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzertand, who finished eighth, increased his overall World Cup lead. He used

yesterday's event as something of a training run after his recent recovery from injury.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-8, 3-77. BOWLING: Hughes 7-2-16-1; Wangh 3-1-10-0; Matthows 8-4-10-1; Sleep 5-5-0-0. Umpires: A R Crafter and S G Randell.

ADELAIDE SCOREBOARD

EOWLING: Dilley 21-8-38-1; Defrokas 16-5-36-1; Emburey 22-6-50-0; Edmonds 29-7-63-1; Gatting 2-1-4-0.

SQUASH RACKETS

Double upset in British doubles titles

By Colin McQuillan A steadily developing national emhusiasm for doubles squash rackets was evident as squash rackets was evident as new and surprising champions emerged late on Monday night, at Cannons Club, London, when first the Wright sisters, from Kent, and then the unlikely eombination of Martin Bodimeade and Paut Carter emerged triumphant from the finals of the London Evening Standard British Doubles Championships.

Sue and Debbie Wright beat the national singles champion, Lisa Opie, and her partner, Fiona Geaves, 12-15, 16-13, 15-13, 15-12 in 77 minutes.

Bodimeade and Carter, respectively from Berkshire and Hertfordshire, simply outlasted, out-hit and out-shouled John Cornish and Darren Mabbs 17-14, 17-18, 15-10, 15-16, 15-8 over the better part of three tortuous hours on court.

The doubles game was designed for an arena both wider and longer than the standard squash court. To contain four fast-moving racket-wielding competitors within singles dimensions, a complex framework of let-calls and protective rules has been evolved.

Cornisb and Mabbs hail from Avon, a county which shares with the Wrights Kent a long doubles heritage. They won the 1984 British title and were expected to be experienced enough to outplay two young professionals hunting a first national championship.

But Bodimeade and Carter brought to their first doubles excursion the weight of shot which has carried them individually into England's top 10.

RESULTS: Men's final: M Bodisheade (Berls) and P Carter (Herts) beat J Cornish and O Mabbs (Avon) 17-14, 17-18, 15-10, 15-16, 15-8. Women's final: S and O Wright (Kent) beat L Opie (Notts) and F Geaves (Gloucs) 12-15, 16-13, 15-13, 15-12.

Australia batting and fielding

England batting and fielding

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BOWLING: Hughes 30-8-82-1; Reid 28 4-8-64-4; Sleep 47-14-132-4; Matthews 23-1-102-0; Border 1-0-1-0; Waugh 19-4-56-8 A Reid 125.4 24 343 12 25.38 4-54 PR Sleep 52 19 132 4 33.00 4-132 SR Waugh 6 125.3 17 250 7 37.14 3-134 C O Marthews 70.1 14 233 0 38.83 3-95 GR J Matthews 83 11 295 2 147.50 1-10 51 10M

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BASKETBALL

Kingston pull out of WICB

By Nicholas Harling

cup would be enough to see us through. We have suffered in the

past from being exhausted in mid-season but now that it is

The World Invitation Club Basketball (WICB) champion-ships will go ahead at Crystal Palace over the New Year without its main English attraction. Polycell Kingston, the winners of a stirring Prudential National Cup final against HFS Portsmouth on Monday and the unbeaten first division leaders.

It was in the triumphant aftermath of their third cup success running, achieved by a margin of 95-87 at the Albert Hall, that Kingston decided not to enter the tenth annual WICB event. Drapers Thois Solent Stars are expected to be invited to replace them.

One lnok at the festive fixturelist convinced Kevin Cadle, the Kingston coach, and Dennis Roach, the club's chairman, that they risked not only fatigue but injury by trying to improve on last year's achievement when they finished runners-up in Maccabi Tel Aviv in the final. As last season's cup winners and play-off champions, Kingston are already booked to appear in the inaugural Tournament of Champions in Manchester on December 26 and 27

Although Roach went on to argue that the "level of com-

and the Scottish Baskethall Association (SBA) over the right of the Scottish champions to play in a league south of the border took another twist yesterday.

The SBA abandoned its special general meeting, which had been called for Meadowbank, Edinburgh next Saturday, at the request of MIM and 11 other

By also entering the WICB tournament, Kingston would have been faced with a schedule of six games in 10 days. They would also have upset BPCC Rams Derby, who were unwilling in switch a home first division fixture on January 3 because a special sponsor had Roach said: "It was really Kevin's decision. He thought that the impetus of winning the

our intention to go on and win the league and scoop all the trophies. I'd bate to go to the WICB and pick up an injury that could cost us the rest of the

petition in the WICB will not be as good this year, as there is no television," the draw has thrown up some intriguing first round matches. Foremost among them is the one featuring BCP London and Porto, of Portugal. Portsmouth, the beaten cup finalists who entering the WICB

Murray are stalled

By a Special Correspondent

The saga of the battle between September that no Scottish club Murray International Metals could take part in a competition controlled by another national association. "We didn't want to waste the time and money of our clubs bringing their representatives to Edinburgh only to tell them that," said Ken Johnston, the national director.

The SBA have taken legal advice on the relationship be-

advice on the relationship between MIM and "Basketball League Limited," a new group request of MIM and 11 other clubs, on the grounds that the motion to be considered was unconstitutional.

MIM wanted to overturn a decision of the annual meeting in start next season.

for the first time, will have their work cut out against the Austra-lian Institute. By then, they will hope to have Colin Irish recovered from the bruised left knee that restricted him to a spectator at the Albert Hall final. "I could have run up and down court but no more," said the England international. "There was no point in coming on. The gays were doing great and besides I might have made things worse."

Dan Lloyd, the Portsmooth coach, was less than convinced. "Obviously, going without Colin was a big factor against us," he said. "It meant that we lacked that other big player to counter Kingston's power. It was my better judgment that told me not to send him on when handicapped. I didn't want to put a player of his calibre in a position like that. Having said that, we still made a game of it"

Three times, Portsmouth had pulled back deficits of between six and 13 points, to draw level. but they just did not have the resources 10 fight back a fourth

Although, in Scott, MeNish and Lloyd's brother, Doug, Kingston had the players 10 compensate for the subdued performances of Clark and Bontrager, the display of Davis, rightly voted most valuable player of the final for the second successive year, was the decisive factor. With no rebound seemingly escaping his clutches, Portsmouth were just not able to capitalize in the recent galvanized form of Cunningham as often as they must have wished. WICE DRAW: First round: (Jamesry 1): Nappy Eater Bracknell Prezies v Wingste College (US); HFS Portsmouth v Australian Institute (Aus); ECP London v Porto (Port); Solna (Sweden) v Team to be decided.

Second Round: (January 2):
MIM (Scot) v Bracknell or Wingets:
Nontelbano (Br) v Portemouth or Australian Institute: Bayer Leverkusen (WG) v
BCP London or Porto; Ans Safonika
(Grasca) v Solent or Solna.

SKIING

Italian takeover bid for technical events slalom eup holder, Rok Petrovie, of Yugoslavia, Sweden's Jonas Nilsson, winner here last year, and Richard Pramotton, the winner of two

Madonna di Campiglio (Reu-ter) — Ivano Edalini became the first Italian for nearly eight years to win a men's Alpine ski World Cup slalom when, at this Italian resort yesterday, he put together two fast runs on a course that eliminated 55 of the 84 starters on the opening 61-gate leg.

His total time of Imin' 45.79sec edged out the veteran Ingernar Stemmark of Sweden (1-45.98) — whose run of 84 cup wins began on the Miramoni course here 12 years ago — and Switzerland's Joel Gaspoz (1:46.24). Edalini's win, following the

Italian elean sweep in a giant slalom at La Villa two days ago, coofirmed the team as the new force in the technical events. It was a race for those who could stay the steep course for the two legs. Favourite after favourite skidded out. Stones near the top of the course, which had been made with snow from other slopes, and ice later, accounted for 11 of the first 20

The failures included the

RESULTS: 1, I Edelin (R), 1min 45.79sec; 2, I Stenmerk (Swe), 1:45.98; 3, J Gespoz (Switz), 1:46.24; 4, 8 Krizaj (Yugo), 1:46.54; 5, Günther Mader (Austha), 1:46.57; 8, P Zurbringen (Switz), 1:46.57; 9, F Jegge (Nor), 1:48.57; 10, O Furseth (Nor), 1:48.57; 11, S Pistor (WG), 1:48.37; 12, C Gerosa (R), 1:49.49; 13, F Beck (WG), 1:49.56; 14, P Popangelov (Buf), 1:50.07; 15, G Neurbsee (Swe), 2:5, G R Pramotion (R), 15; 7, A Bittner (WG), 14; 8, G Mader (Austria), 11, VorLD CUP: 1, Zarbringen 105 pts; 2, Pramotion 93; M Wasmeier (WG), 93; 4, Stermark 66; 5, Gespoz 63; 6, P Müller (Switz) 62; 7, F Nehrzer (Switz), 57; 8, L Stock (Austria), 43; 9, R Ertischer (R), 42:10, H Strotz (Austria), 43; 9, R Ertischer (R), 42:10, H Strotz (Austria), 39; 11, Toetsch 37; 12, M Mair (R), 35; 13, K Albiger (Switz), 34; 14, Gärardeli 33; 15, Edelin 25 Swiss running the show

Courmayeur, Italy (Reuter) — Switzerland will rely on the experience of Erika Hess and an exciting crop of new skiing talent to continue their winning streak in two women's World Cup slalom races starting today.

The Swiss have won five of seven events staged this season, including both statoms, and have four women among the top five in the overall standings. With Maria Walliser, the overall leader, not expected to compete here, the way is open for a change at the top of the standings. Her Swiss colleagues are expected to remain in control.

Vrenī Schneider, who recently won the ginot slalom at Water-ville Valley in the United States, is second. 24 points behind Walliser. Hess, one of the favourites after ber victory in the statom at Waterville Valley is only another 10 points adrift. Hess, four times slatom World Cup champion is easer to record another triumph in what she plans to be her last season.

The Swiss can also count on the consistency of the two Brigittes, Oertli and Gadient. and on the current good form of Corinne Schmidhauser, a rel-ative newcomer, who won last month's opening skalom of the season at Park City in America. The strongest challenge to the Swiss should come from the reigning World Cup champion, Roswitha Steiner, of Austria, and the 1984 slalom cup winner, Tamara McKinney, of the United States.

Something for everyone in world of cricket

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today Marcus Williams and Pat Butcher make their choices from the worlds of cricket and athletics respectively.

The quantity of books no cricket is a constant source of wonderment: Wisden Cricket Monthly reported the total in 1985 as 73, the torrent has continued apparently unabated this year and MCC's bicentenary in 1987 offers publishers, should they require it, a further sour.

make life difficult for his countrymen over the next few days. Elison will open the bowling for Tasmania against the tourists during a four-day game in Hobart, starting tomorrow, and he says: "I'd love to take some wickets against my eld mates."

The Kent mace bowler and lishers, should they require it, a further spur.

The outstanding cricket book of 1986, and in its scope perhaps the outstanding single cricket book yet produced, has been Barclays World of Cricket (Collins Willow, £25). This lavish, 724-page tome is the third edition of a work first published in 1966, fully revised in 1980 and now widely acknowledged as the best volume of reference on the game and the one, were eld mates."

The Kent pace bowler, aged 27, has suddenly rediscovered his form after a depressing summer at home which saw him slide dramatically from favour. In August 1985, Ellison was the toast of England when taking 10 for 104 on hastmile ware proted. on the game and the one, were such a restriction imposed, to take to a desert island.

for 104 as Anstralia were routed by an imnings in the fifth Test at Edghaston. He followed that with seven for 81 at the Oval. Christmas Island makes the news Matthews to play

The section headings give an The section headings give an idea of the breadth of coverage – History of the Game in England; Overseas Cricket, including such exotic places as Christmas Island, Egypt, Kiriban, Norway and Tristan da Cunba; Biographies; International Cricket; English Cricket and Universities: The Greg Matthews, the Australian all-rounder, is in join the North Yorkshire and South Durham League Club Guisborough as a professional next year. He will replace the West Indian, Desmond Haynes, who has not been retained after two years with the Yorkshire. national Crieket; English Crieket and Universities; The Limited-Over Game; Grounds of the World; Other United Kingdom Cricket; A Cricket Treasury; Laws; and Glossary, plus a statistical appendix, notes on the chief contributors and an index, but this is no day text. two years with the Yorkshire club.
The deal was negotiated with the Australian team manager Bobby Simpson, who also acts index; but this is no dry text-book, for it features articles by outstanding writers on the game such as Neville Cardus, Raymond Robertson-Glasgow, Ian Peebles, Jack Fingleton, Ray Robinson, A. A. Thomson, John Arlott, Alan Gibson and

But Ellison suffered like everyone else in the West Indies the following winter — and life went from had to worse. Last summer he played one Test against India and was not used against New Zealand. Loss of form and injury problems also affected his form for Kent and he finished with 23 first-class wick-ets at 47 runs apiece. Alan Ross, to name but a few.

E. W. Swanton, the general editor. (George Plumpure, as editur, and our own John Woodcock, as consultant editor, complete the editorial team with Robert Brooke as statistician) finished with 23 first-class wick-es at 47 runs apiece.

"Twe had a year I would like to forget," he said. "I lost a lot of confidence and I didn't know where my next wicket was coming from. But I jumped at the chance to play for Tasmania and it has paid off. I feel I'm bowling a lat hetter again." states that the book's aim "is to satisfy anyone anxious to extend his or her general knowledge of cricket and 10 provide them with some entertaining, worth-

while reading in the process." That aim is realized many times

over. Another acknowledged crick-

eting classic was The Boundary Book, subtitled 'A Lord's

will be directed by the Taverners

to disabled children and youth

cricket, Mr Frewin has compiled. The Boundary Book Second

Thomas, Sir John Betjeman,

P. G. Wodchouse, Lord Olivier

a lot better again." a tot better again."

Dilley, the England fast hower, is being rested against Tasmania because of a trouble-some left knee which received regular treatment during the third Test in Adelaide. Also standing down are Edmonds (stiff back) and Gower, while Botham has not recovered from his rfb massele injury.

Hotham has not recovered from his rib mascle injury.

"Ian is continuing to make progress and we hope he will be able to have some batting prac-tice in the next few days," said Peter Lush, the England man-

Gatting, the England captain, was "delighted" to leave Ad-claids yesterday one up in the

Innings (Pelham, £14.95).
Only time and the sales lists will tell whether this new assem-Gatting, who has been criti-cized for adopting a megative tactics after winning the first Test in Brisbana, saw no reason to apologize. "I would be very happy to win the series I.O. Sometimes you have to contain the opposition. You cannot at-tack all the time. If that's boring, then it's unfortunate." will tell whether this new assem-blage, prefaced like its prede-cessor by the Taverners' hon-orary twelfth man, the Duke of Edinburgh, will rival its prede-cessor as one of cricket's bestsellers. What is certain is that with another distinguished batting order — comprising Harold Pinter, A. A. Milne, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Leslie Thomas, Sir John Retieman.

FIRST TEST (Brisbane): England won by seven wickets. SECOND TEST (Perth): Drawn. Remaining Tests
FOURTH TEST (Melbourne): Dec-

Previous Tests

eareers are invaluable to journalists scrabbling for padding and to people who study train timetables without ever experiencing the journey. In short, such collections have limited appeal. Yet in the woefully undersubscribed arena of athletics literature, there is a preconderance of statistics as the int of the Dionysiae.

preponderance of statistics as there is of teaching manuals.
Into this arid world, James lous crux of fiction and reality there is of teaching manuals. Into this arid world, James McNeish bas injected a little art with Lovelock, A Novel (Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95). One of the problems of writing adequately about present athletics beroes is the lack of perspective. It is difficult in cut across the cant and cult when Coe, Cram and Ovett are writ large on television. The only proximity that McNeish has with Jack Lovelock, the only man in set a Lovelock, the only man in set a world record while winning the Olympic 1,500 metres title, in 1936, is being born in New Zealand and living in Europe. McNeish has the advantage of times he was only seed Sue McNeish has the advantage of time; he was only aged five when Lovelock stopped running and only 18 when Lovelock died mysteriously under a subway car in New York in 1949.

The danger for McNeish was that Lovelock was too distant. Compared to Coe and company, the slender, ascetic figure of Lovelock in that incongraous all-black strip hovers in faded pholographs and flickering film

pholographs and flickering film of the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. The awe that the runner was held in is summed up by the title of another New Zealander, Norman Harris's, book, The Legend of Lovelock.
McNeish admits the danger in

bis preface. "Fifty years after....a mystique remains...his uoexpected victory in 1936 against the greatest field of milers ever assembled has about it all the ballmarks of a great discovery. Despite the millions of words that have been written about Lovelock, his death io New York at the age of 39 has never been explained. In diaries and journals Lovelock analysed himself as no runner had ever done before, and - be has been called the first modern athlete here lies his significance for sportsmen: he changed the climute of thinking and antici-pated the four-minute mile. comparative study.

The quantity of books no connections - and the mixture interpreted with photographs, cartoons and some pleasant cricketing verses, Mr Frewin has achieved the publishing equiva-

lent of Arthur Fagg's unique double century in each innings of the same match.

Fagg's achievement has stood in Wisden's records section to inspire awe in every schoolboy;

inspire awe in every schoolboy; so too has the entry:

OUTSTANDING ANALYSES

H. Verby (Yorkshire) 19.4-16-10-10 v Notinghamshire at leads 1932.

All 10 wickets in a first-class innings has been achieved more than 70 times (though not in England since 1964), but the symmetry of those figures, 10 wickets for 10 runs, has a special ring.

There was something special to about the bowler, as is confirmed in Hedley Verity: A Portrait of a Cricketer by Alan Hill (Kingswood, £12). In this well-researched biography, the first at full length on the subject, Mr Hill traces the career of an outstanding slow left-arm bowler from his youthful obsession with the game, via a formidable tally of 1,956 wickets (average 14.90) in fewer than 10 years, to its termination on the battlefield of Catania, Sicily.

Verity is probably most widely remembered for the 14 wickets he took in a day against Australia at Lord's in 1934, but he also took all 10 Warwickshire wickets 1931 (revenge against a county that had earlier turned him down), topped the first-last australia. ring.
There was something special

him down), topped the first-class averages in his first and last seasons, and on his final appearance in 1939 spun out seven Sussex batsmen for a mere nine runs in six overs on a rain-

affected Hove pitch. While Verity would be near the head of every cricket buff's list of the greatest slow left-arm bowlers, there is another man whose name is sure to crop ap whenever the fastest bowlers of all time are discussed. For all the Marshalls, Holdings, Thom-sons, Tysons and Larwoods, the quickest of them all may have been Charles Jesse Kortright.

The ball that went for six byes

Certainly none of the others can claim to have bowled a ball that rose from a good length over the batsman, wicketkeeper and boundary for six byes, as Kortright did on the albeit compact Wallingford CC gr-ound in Oxfordshire in 1890; Taverners' miscellany of Cricket, edited by Leslie Frewin and published in 1962. Against his own better judgement — he considered the cartier success could not be repeated — but persuaded above all by the most praiseworthy fact that royalties will be directed by the Total countries. the carry was later estimated at

Kortright played for Essex, the Gentlemen and other select XIs in a first-class career spanning 1893 to 1907 and for a host of smaller clubs until a final appearance in village cricket at the age of 61. In Korty: The Legend Explained (Ian Henry, £8.95) Charles Sale details for the first time Kortright's colourful life and be produces some good yarns in a racy, it sometimes jarring, style.

Kortright never did a day's work, never played for England—and probably never wanted to—and his figures (489 wickets at 21.05 apiece) are quite ordinary; but the prodigious pace of which he was clearly campble makes him and clearly capable makes him an intriguing and tantalizing

Lovelock, the first modern athlete

Any fool can collect statistics, and many do. Such collections, often disguised by appending a But with Lovelock's journals, turgid commentary of races and and the invaluable help of a eareers are invaluable to previously unpublished diary

> when Lovelock, who has almost been scared into the Olympic 5,000 metres by three successive mile defeats by Sydney Wooderson, realizes that the sport is all about competition in a passage which reads like a quote from Cram to *The Times* this summer, "It was always people, not times as my target." The best use of the stopwatch is its link with the photofinish, to discount who man Colingum. to discern who won. Coliseum 32-84 (Omega Electronics, Stämpflistrasse 96, CH-2500, Bienne 4, Switzerland, 35 Swiss francs, incl post and packing) is a marvellous factual and photographic account of the machinery of photofinish systems, first used at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, which reached their present sophistication in 1984 at the Coliseum, the only venue to be used for the Olympics twice.

Lovelock's career was an example of how the imposition of a little order can turn a talent into a gold medal. John Joe Barry's autobiography, *The* Ballincurry Hare (Athlelic Publications Ltd., PO Box 1227, Dublin 8, Eire, £5 incl post and package), affords a glimpse of bow a lack of discipline can result in a virtually wasted life.

Barry, also a farmer's son, bad amazing natural talent. He won his first Irish cross-country championship after baving ploughed four fields with a borse and share in the morning. He was one of the first Irish athletes to get an athletics scholarship to the United States. But the university system could not hold him and he could not bold himself. For different, colourful reasons, all well-documented, Barry could have ended up like Lovelock, under a subway car. But he survived to return to

Sport gets deeper into our lives

Here is the good news for British sport. More people, more often, are being active than ever before, particularly in indoor sport. More money, both public and private, is being spent on physical activities. And the sponsorship of sport is expected to exceed £345 million by

Here is the bad news. Although participation has increased, spectating has declined. The estimated total membership of clubs has remained static since 1977 at 6.5 million. And some outdoor activities, like golf and particularly team games, are either diminishing in

popularity or not increasing as fast as individual sports.

One outstanding fact emerges from the welter of statistics pubtished today by the Sports Council*: sport is the central interest in many people's lives and it is growing. It is also an increasing part of the

Even excluding gambling, the consumer spends £4,366 million on sport, which is more than do-it-yourself, pets, records or bingo. In VAT alone, sport generates £4,146 million for the economy, which is individually the specific of the context of the specific of the context of the specific of the context of individually more than either the

motor industry or tobacco. Mike Collins, the head of research and planning at the Sports Council, points out that sport, video and nudio equipment, short-break holidays and overseas bolidays are

expenditure which have increased. Local government authorities themselves spent about £800 million on sport in 1986 and the Government gave a further £37 million to

Much of this money helps to

Anglezarke, filling the top three places in Monday's night's

some way towards compensat-ing for British failure in Saturday's World Cop qualifier, when the highest placing was

With John Whitaker finishing secood on Next Milton, and Liz Edgar, on Everest Rapier, coming third, the event provided a

fitting climax to the Olympia International show jumping championships, which attracted record attendances.

first prize in the grand prix was £4,500). Although the habit normally pays handsome divi-

dends — he won the Olympia grand prix last year and the Wembley equivalent in Octo-ber — it failed to pay off on Saturday. But while a time fault

kept him out of the second

round of the World Cup event,

his inbuilt clock was again set to perfection in the grand prix.

at Olympia, the result went jump-off

SHOW JUMPING

Pyrah leads way

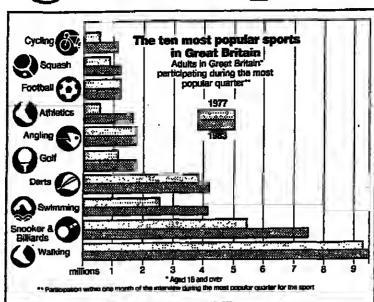
as British trio

finish on high note

By Jenny MacArthur

With British riders, led by for Olaf Petersen - the first Malcolm Pyrah on Towerlands foreign course designer to be

Crosse and Blackwell grand prix out to ensure a fast, exciting



provide the indoor facilities for the increasingly popular activities like squash, which added 400,000 participants in four years.

Collins stresses that the expan-

sion is largely in unaffiliated leisure and fitness activities. In other

words, people take part even if they do not belong to clubs.

There may be only 15,000 members of the British Amateur Weightlifting Association but about 3 million people are doing weight training and men's 'keep fit'

The number of clubs affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) has marginally grown from 1,585 to 1,700 in the 21 years to 1986 but there has been a massive increase in people who have swimming among their recreations. From 5.4 million in 1975, there were 7.4

million in 1983. Better facilities. particularly the arrival of leisure pools, have accelerated the trend. Swimming has largely been unable to harness the recreational interest in the sport into active competition, as running has done so

successfully through the fascination in marathous and fun-runs. But Peter Hassall, the admin-istrative assistant of the ASA, believe assistant of the ASA, believes that the club figures do not reveal the upsurge in 'Masters' swimming for club competitors over the age of 25. " This was virtually unknown 20 years ago," be said.

Yet the figures for a sport like swimming still show vastly more activity than is revealed from the number of affiliated clubs. "The growing issue is how can the governing bodies alone claim to speak for the unaffiliated customer people taking part in sport but only an estimated 6.5 million in clubs affiliated to a governing body?"
Collins asked. "But there is no doubt that sport is a very big consumer lobby, even if it is fragmented."

Several of the statistics are no more up to date than the 1983 general household survey, as the 1986 survey has not been completed. Collins says: "I would expect the 1983 trend to have continued. Nothing from other data we have collated for this book would indicate

The individual sports showing most increases in participation among adults are: swimming; snooker, billiards and pool; keep fit and yoga; athletics (including jogging); squash; cycling and walking (at least two miles specifically for pleasure rather than a means of

From 1977 to 1983, the number of occasions people played sport a year rose from 2.1 billion to 2.8 billion. "This is basically the difference from two to three trips a mouth," Collins says.

This greater leisure time is created by a combination of memploy-ment, more disposable income, greater awareness of the benefits and satisfaction from exercise and improved facilities.

Team games seem static, although there are some exceptions, like cricket in London. This is partly for demographic reasons. There are fewer people in their late teens than there were eight to 10 years ago, and the 16-to-24 age group is the one when participating in team games is at its neak.

If Collins is heartened by the mass participation, he is less

GOLF

From tee to tree: European golfers gather for the Christmas awards ceremony at the Ritz

Sanyo Open in an outstanding 'rookie' year. Ballesteros was the Ritz Club

Football League attendances so far this season.

"Many small sports are getting more spectators but really this area is dominated by football, which seems never to have come to terms with the changing nature of the weekend as the amateur games have done by switching a majority of matches to Sunday.

"Saturday is the day for home chores and shopping. Football attendances have been affected by relatively poor facilities and high prices, hooliganism and television. which has shown the game in edited highlights as more exciting than it is often in the flesh.

"I do not see football attendances overall ever coming back up. It will do well to sustain its current level. To return to the attendance level of the early 1950s would need a commitment from people that is not present anywhere else in the world." But football remains three times as popular a spectator sport as cricket, its nearest rival.

Yet the growth of sponsorship from £50 million in 1980 to £127 million in 1985 and the TV coverage of sport from 1,876 to 2,463 hours has offset the drift away from stadia.

The economic importance of sport is also striking. From 78,000 in 1970, the number of people em-ployed in sport has almost doubled; and by 1983 almost £1,500 million was being spent in total by individnals on sport and services.

* A Digest of Sports Statistics for the UK (second edition), edited by the Centre for Leisure Research (£15) published by the Sports Council, 16 Woburn Place, London,

optimistic of the future of spectating, despite the 1.7 per cent rise in

Were the England selectors forced 10 name 2 team this week, they might well pause for thought over the wearer of the No. 5 jersey. From a position of apparent wealth, their choice has declined because of Steve Bainbridge's injury and the lack of match-fitness of Wade

Dooley and Maurice Colclough. Bainbridge has not played for the best part of two months because of a hamstring injury, which shows no sign of mending quickly: Dooley, whose recovery from ligament injury has not been so complete as he might have wished has been dropped from the North divisional side: and Colclough, hampered by illness, was far from his effective best in the divisional game at

Bath last Saturday.
This is not to say that all will not be well in a month's time, but it is a worrying situation because these are hig men who need 10 work consistently to maintain full fitness and, in the case of Colclough, now aged 33, to stem the advancing years. But the experience he has to offer the England squad is hard to over-look, and he will hope to pose problems for the North this

coming Saturday.

At least, he is playing, which is more than can be said for Bainbridge. The Fylde lock, who was in action against Japan in October, has had a frustrating time these last seven weeks. since injuring a hamstring in Lancashire's game against Yorkshire. He can train with weights, jump and scrummage, but he cannot do much more than jog

at the moment "I went out last night and got the length of two pitches, then the leg got too tight," he said. The frustration is greater because Bainbridge, a natural ath-lete who was a student

Masters will be televised

By David Hands

HTV Wales, encouraged by the reaction to their live transmissions last month of the international matches between France and New Zealand, will be showing recordings next mouth of the Masters club tournament, which is being staged in Toulouse this week. The public reaction to the internationals was very good." John Roberts, the company's

sports department director, said.

It is not company policy to release viewing figures, but HTV claim that they compared favourably with BBC sports programmes on the same day as the international matches, which were played in Toulouse on November 8 and Nantes on November 15.

one of the independent com-panies who did not transmit the exposed. enthusiastic rugby areas, did received many calls from the public, asking how far they had which indicated wider interest

than just in Wales. hour programmes in January on the Masters' tournament, involving Toulouse and Agen (France), Ponsonby (New Zea-land), Wests (Australia), Barbarians (Fiji), Banco Nacion

(Argentina), Constanza (Romania) and L'Aquila (Italy).

Edited highlights of the opening games yesterday and today will be shown on January 8, highlights of the semi-finals on January 15 and excerpts from the first of the excerpts from the final (to be played on December 23) on January 22. The company will send their

own commentary team to the final, but this weekend's secondround Schweppes Welsh Cup programme prevents their cover-ing the tournament's semi-finals

directly. Nevertheless, it is an initiative which will enable viewers in their region to compare directly club standards from all over the cinh standards from all over the world with these they see from one weekend to the next at kome in Wales and England.

Incidentally, the team from Ponsouby will probably include Mark Brooke-Cowden, the New Zealand flanker

Clubs banned

Cimia and Llauybydder have each been thrown out of this season's Welsh Brewers' Cup

TODAY'S FIXTURES Kick off 7.30 unless star FOOTBALL

Second division Blackburn v Bradford FME FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Secon FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Raith v Alica.
CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Newcastle v Sheffield Wednesday; Sheffield United v Hull (7.30). Second division: Bolton v Stoke; Port Vale v York.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Watford (2.0).
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Rhyl v Chorley.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Fisher: Fareham v Folkestone.

Cambridge City v Fisher; Fareham v Folkestone. VALDOHALL-OPFL LEAGUE: Second division south: Petarsfield v Dorking Bull Ding SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury v Ety; Harwich and Parkeston v Colchester United: Histori v Folkestowe; Scham v Newmarker.

Soham v Newmarket. EAST ANGLIAN CUP: March v Haverhil

EAST APPELLING CONTRES LEAGUE: Potton v Ampthial BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Potton v Ampthial BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: FIRST divisions Accordington Stanley v Leyland Motors. OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON: Middlesex Chempionships
(at Stemford Hill).
BASKETBALL (8.0): Carleberg National
League: "First division: Happy Ezzer
Bracknes Piralies v Draper Tools Solent
Stars; Calderdate Explorers v Lexester
Riders.
RACKETS: Public Schools Chempionships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
PUGBY LEAGUE: Humberside U19 v
Australia U19 (at Hull).
TENNIS: Royal Bank Junior Winter Indoor
Series for boys (at Bishart Abbey).

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent decathlon champion in his younger days, was so lit early this season after training with England and with his club. whose current playing revore is

RUGBY UNION

England selectors

face their No. 1

problem at No. 5

impressive. Twe never been so keen to play rugby as I've been this year and, after the last two seasons (when he was disregarded for the international championship as a disciplinary measure; this has to happen.

At least, Bainbridge is able to take pleasure in Fylde's performances this season. He and Dooley were settling into an effective second-row pairing in a pack that included the underrated Peter Faulkner at prop. Andrew Mefarlane at No. 8. Andrew Mctariane at No. 8, Mike Dixon, the former England under-23 hooker and now club captain, and Dooley's younger brother, Paul, who can play flanker or No. 8.

It was disappointing for Fylde to lose to West Hartlepool earlier this month - their first defirst in the northern merit table and the national merit table C - when they had five regular players away. They rec-ompensed by bearing Hawick indmittedly increselves weakened by district calls) last weekend and, under the direction of their new coach. Graham Hankey, they have caused quite a sur in northern club circles.

They have also been gening enough hall out wide for Brendan Hanayan, on the wing. to become the leading try-scorer in English first-class club rugby and for Mike Lawther to win a place at centre in the Cumbra team - achievements that are some comfort for Bainbridge, who hopes to play again shortly confident that his injury will

Selectors pick the weak link By Ian McLauchian

Following their narrow win over the North and Midlands last Saturday in the McEwan's Inter-District Championship. Edinburgh have made three changes in their team to face the Anglo-Scots at Myreside on

The internationals. Hastings and Calder, return from injury to replace Simon Scott and Millar at centre and flanker respectively. The most remarkable change, however, is an scrum-half where Johnston is excluded to allow Julian Scott (o partner his Stewart's Melville colleague, Wyllie. It would appear that the selectors have dropped the wrong half-back and that the weak link jast London Weekend, who were weekend was Wyllie, whose lack

> Scott becomes Edinburgh's third scrum-half in as man games and, since both Hall and Johnston bave played in winning sides, one wonders at the thinking behind the change.

han just in Wales.

HTV plan to show three half-hard to pick themselves up after being thrashed by the South of Scotland, bring McKie in at lock for the injured Gray. Mac-Donald reverts to No. 8 with Macklin and Morrison on the

EDINBURGIt G Hastings (Watsomans), S McAstan (Heriot's FP), S Hastings, E Kennedy (Doth Watsonians), M Frakes (Boroughmur), 11 Wyllie, J Scott (Doth Stewart's Melville FP, Captain), K Milne, I Milne (both Heriot's FP), J Price (Boroughmur), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), J Calder, F Calder (both Stewart's Melville FP), K Raiterty (Heriot's FP), Replace-ments: S Johnston (Watsonians), S Brown (Edinburgh Academicals).

ANGLO-SCOTS: S Irvine, J Seaziey (both London Scottish), O Ogilvie (Go Maclean (Gloucester), T Paters (Lendon Scottish), T Exeter (M Cushing (Cambridge University (Bath), L Kirk, J Reid (botto Scottish), L Cambridge (London Scottish), I Peterson-Brown (London Scottish), T Exeter (Moseley), A Cushing (Cambridge University), O Sole (Bath), I Kirk, J Reid (both London Scottish), J Campbell-Lementon (London Scottish), J Campbell-Lementon (London Scottish), C Macdonaid (Oxford University), A Mackim (London Scottish), Petersonapate & Indian Mackim (London Scottish), Replacements & Indian Mackim

Points may be the decider

The slide rules will come out if London and the South emerge victorious from the final round of Thorn-EMI divisional championship on Saturday.
That winning double would allow both teams to draw level with the North at the top on four season's weasa blewers cap and winning double would competition, and banned from allow both teams to draw level next year's, following an inquiry with the North at the top on form by the Welsh Districts Rugby points — and the championship Union into violence at last would then be decided on points mouth's second-round tie be-

> Rugby followers who have had to endure the tedium of the four divisional games so far will four divisional games so an anabet be hoping the need to pile up the points will at last inject some contement into the

Colts squad Angus MacDonald, the England Schools stand-off half who

has just returned to playing since dislocating his shoulder against France last season, has been included in the England Colts squad to play divisional matches against London and the Combined Services (Aldershot, January 11), the North (New Brighton, January 25), Midlands (Leicester, February 1) and South-West (Cheltenham, February 15). February 15).

SOUAD: Asirurat (Lancs). Barkes (War-works), Barnagton (Herts). Bond (Devon). Burroughe (Bussen). Duncton (E Courties). Fenn, Flescher, (both E Michands). Fraser (Northumberland). Frost (Alddidsax). Garnaway (Dorset and Wirs). Gissing (Norts/Lincs and Derby). Grost, Gystrai (both Middiesex). Hackney (Warriepool). Haspook (E Courties). Hardender, Carcs). Hougiston (E Midlands), that (RAF). Hyde (Warwicks). Lamb (Middiesex). Lleyd (Midd). MacDoneld (Rosslyn Park). Maniley (Chestrie), Moon (Staffs), Morris (Kort). Moore (Devon). Sharp (Glocs). Street (Lancs). Tarbuck, Wassans (both E Courties). Withouts-Green (Middiesex).

FOOTBALL

Wilson in line for

in made heavy weather of their tasks, collecting eight and 12 was faults respectively. Pyrah, knowing he had Milton and Rapier behind him, had no choice hut to go for a fast time. The crucial turns were to the right, which favoured his Irishbred mount, and they finished in 31.69sec. "Even if I'd gone last I couldn't have gooe faster,"

Whitaker, greeted as always Pyrah makes a habit of saving by loud cheers, set off briskly. his 15-year-old partner for the biggest and richest prizes (the collected at the resulting to collected at the penultimate upright fence, he would not

Any suspicions that Mrs Edgar might have been reluctant to ask too much of the seven-yearold Everest Rapier, who won the main class on the opening night, were dispelled the moment she set off. But in her effort to better Pyrah's time, she too collected four faults and finished fractionally slower than Whitaker.

foreign course designer to be invited to Olympia — was the largest of the week and was laid

Kamps and Nicolas both

The Britons were joined in the RESULTS: Crosse and Biackwell grand timed jump-off by West Germany's Bernhard Kamps, on Argonaut, and the Frenchtimed jump-off by West Germany's Bernhard Kamps, on Argonaut, and the Frenchman Jean Marc Nicolas, riding Midway Saint Paer. The course, which proved another triumph and M Pyrah, 4 faults, 33.1759e. Refittes Daily Mail riders' championships: Final result. 1, 5 Pountain, 54 pts; 2 equal, P Heffer and M Pyrah, 44pts.

RACKETS

Lowery outstanding

Mark Lowrey, of Radley, won the Jim Dear Cup in the under-15 section of the public schools singles championships at. Queen's Club, west London, yesterday. He beat William, Thorp, of Mariborough, 15-6, 15-5 in the final. Lowrey was the outstanding player in the competition, and did not concede a game throughout. He was too strong in service and return of strong in service and return of serve for his opponents.

Thorp had shown fine temperament in surviving five rounds, despite many close

scores and several games won from far behind. He eliminated Alastair Orchard, of Harrow, in the semi-finals by 15-8, 17-14. Lowrey reached the final by beating Rupert Lawson. of Charterhouse, 15-6, 15-10.
RESULTS: Jim Dear Cup (Inder-15):
Third round: M J Lowrey (Fladley) bt J J S
Larken (Eton) 15-3, 15-1; R Turnii
(Winchester) bt T Bristowe (Charterhouse)
15-7, 12-15, 17-7 A B T Cade (Rugby) bt A
J Smith-Bingham (Eton) 18-15, 9-15, 1511; R Lawson (Charterhouse) bt J M R

Norman (Eton) 15-6, 15-8; W Thorp (Martborough) bt O C R Brice (Tonbridge) 18-13, 15-12; M Windows (Cillion) bt J F F Rowland (Tonbridge) 15-5, 16-14; N O Hunter (Radley) bt T Shrager (Halleybury) -7-15, 15-3, 15-12; A M H Orchard (Harrow) bt M O Ward (Winchester) 15-10, 18-14. Quarter-finalis: Lowrey bt Turnill 15-2, 15-12; Lawson bt Cade 15-9, 15-3; Thorp beat Windows 17-14, 10-15, 15-10; Orchard bt Hunter 15-4, 15-1, Seas-finalis: Lowrey bt Hunter 15-4, 15-18, Thorp beat Windows 17-14, 10-15, 15-10; Orchard bt Hunter 15-4, 15-18, Thorp be Orchard 15-8, 17-14, Float: Lowrey bt Thorp 15-6, 15-5, incleadon-Webber Cup (Under-16): Second round: R J R Cisrk (Cillion) bt R B Gill (Eton) 15-9, 15-2; J C T Francis (Rugby) bt J Acheson-Gray (Cherter-house) 15-18, 16-17, 15-9; A Wildman (Martborough) bt M Rudd (Charterhouse) 15-5, 15-12; T P W Barker (Martborough) 15-8, 15-6; F J L Morgan (Weilington) bt J Segal (Winchester) 7-15, 15-7; 15-9; R R Montgomeric Rugby) bt P Daviz-Jones (Radley) 15-12, 15-13; J T Trusted (Eton) bt R Sanders (Winchester) 15-2, 15-2; A C Hardwood (Charterhow) 15-9, 15-2; A C Heckon) bt H C E Green (Weilington) 15-5, 15-16, C Leek (Crifton) bt H C E Green (Weilington) 15-5, 15-16, C Leek (Crifton) bt H C E Green (Weilington) 15-5, C Pettigrew (Weilington) 15-3, 15-4; O R Penfold (Torbridge) bt H S Eddis (Eton) 15-1, 15-1.

FOOTBALL

Freight Rover Trophy

Irish cap Ipswich Town's leading

goalscorer Kevin Wilson may soon be eligible for a Northern Ireland international cap. Wilson's mother is Irish and the lpswich manager Bobby Ferguson, has written to the Northern Ireland FA pointing out that Wilson, who was born in Banbury, qualifies to play for them.

Wilson, aged 25, is the second division's joint leading scorer with 16 goals.

with 16 goals

• Aldershot, £250,000 in debt. could face a backlash from their supporters after putting up admission prices by more than 300 per cent for the FA Cup third round tie against Oxford United on January 10. Terrace prices at the the fourth division club's ground will go up from £2.80 to £9 and seating from £3.50 to

Colin Hancock, a dentist, said the increases were necessary to make the match financially worthwhile for both clubs. But Keith Yeomans, from Basingstoke, a supporter for 24 years, was critical. He said. I years was critical. He said. I certainly will not be going on principle. I would willingly have paid £2 more but this is ridiculous."

over a newspaper article detail-ing an incident with club col-league Peter Shilton

 Glenn Keeley, Blackburn Rovers's defender and captain who was sent off against Bir-mingham City at St Andrews oo December 6, has been banned for two matches.

FA Youth Cup

THRO-ROURID DRAW (Metches to be played on or before January 17): Notlingham Forest v Hull City or Everion; Bradford v Otchlars; Mansfeld Town or Port Vale v Grimsty: Manchester United v Shrewsbury Town or Leicester City; Wigan or Menchester City v Newcastle United; Liverpool v Stoke City; Leads v Birmingham or Hednestord; Shetheld Utd violis County or Norwich; Wimbedon v Bournemouth; Southempton v Coventry; Bristol Rovers or Southempton v Coventry; Bristol Rovers or Southempton v Coventry; Bristol Rovers or Southempton v Millwall or Oxford United; Crystal Palace v Fulliam or Oxford United; Crystal Palace v Fulliam or OPPs; Ipswich v Brith and Belvedone; Luton Town v Watford or Portsmouth; Cranthon Athletic v Exeler City or Orient.

The Aldershot chairman

 Doug Rougvie, of Chelsea and Mark Dennis, of Southamp-ton, both full backs, should hear today if they are to face an FA charge of bringing the game into disrepute. Rougvie was sent-off after a first-half flare-up in Chelsea's 4-0 home defeat against Wimbledon 11 days ago while Dennis could be in trouble

FA Vase

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FOURTH-ROUND DRAW (Matches to be played on or before January 17): Garforth v Murton; Warrington v Gresley: Rainworth MW v Atherstone; Paget or Wisbech v St Helens; Rocester v Wottom or Halesower; Rossendale or Droylsden v Termworth; Whickham v Seaton Delevale or Emiley: Witham v Three Bridges or Yeading: Helytridge Swifts v Crookenhalf or Conntitlant; Vaundrall Motors or Barton Rovers v Buckinghham or Westfields; Havant or Dorking v Selby, Horstam or Heritord v Collier Row; Haverhall v Woodford; O Georgians v Davilst; Abangdon or Torrington v Mangoisfield or Newport (loW); Clevedon v Falmouth.

where Jose-Maria Olazabal (centre, front), was voted runner-up (Photograph: Ian Stewart) **Ballesteros honoured** By Mitchell Platts

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday learned that he is the Ritz Dutch Open, and tied with Club European Tour Golfer of Bernhard Langer for the Lanchus was mable to be present at the Ritz Club, Piccadilly, but a best of leading golfers, including Ebel European Masters and was mable to be present at the Ritz Club, Piccadilly, but a bost of leading golfers, including several of his Ryder Cup colleagues from last year's winning team, celebrated at n lunch following his nomination.

The panel of past PGA European Tour champions and mem-bers of the Association of Golf Writers bestowed on Ballesteros this latest accolade and his Spanish competriot, José-Maria Olazabal, was the anazimous choice as runner-up.

Ballesteros earned £242,208 to finish top of the Epson Order of Merit. He won the Carrolls Irish Open, the Johnnie Walker Monte Carlo Open, the Dunhill British Masters, the Pengeot

David Hill, the championship

ecretary, said: "It was decided

RACKETS

Exemplary exemption

cause of their performance in 1985. It has never happened before." The team was Severiano Ballesteros. Bernhard Langer, Manuel Piñero, José-Maria Cañizares, José Rivero, Nick Faldo, Paul Way, Howard Clark, Ken Brown, Sam Torrance, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam Great Britain and Europe's winning Ryder Cup squad have been given a second successive exemption for the Open Championship at Muirfield next July. Alistair Low, the chairman championship committee, an-nounced the departure from normal practice yesterday to reward the team which won the trophy from the United States at the Belfry in 1985.

Andrew's new role Keith Andrew, the former Northamptonshire captain and England wicketkeeper, has been to bonour the Ryder Cup team for two Open exemptions beappointed chief executive of the National Cricket Association.

ship game with Featherstone Rovers on Sunday because of their John Player Special Tro-pby semi-final against Hull on Charity Trophy, designed and donated by Waterford Crystal, and a complete suite of Alana pattern glasses. In addition, \$2,000 is donated to the Golf Saturday. Saturday.

They could have played the game, and taken the risk of losing with a tired and injury-hit Foundation and n further £2,000 goes to the PGA European Tour Benevolent Trust. Ballesteros (June, July) and

side, in order to allow the Australian captain, Wally Lewis, who has to serve a two-Olazabal (September, October) were also twice winners of the monthly Ritz awards and Sandy Lyle (April), Howard Clark (May), David Feherty (August) and Mark McNulty (November) match suspensioo in this country, to use up a game. The posiponement means that Lewis, who arrives in this country next weekend, will make his first appearance for Wigan to the New Year's Day

game with Warrington.
Wigan, faced with a bill of wigan, accurate with a bill of more than £4m for the repair of crash barriers at their Central Park ground, have applied to Wigan Metropolitan Council for a loan of up to £50,000. This

follows the decision of the council committee to cut the capacity of the ground. The Oldham captain, David Topliss, with 19 years in the professional game behind him, is expected to make a personal appearance at the disciplinary committee oo December 30 following the first dismissal of his career against Halifax on

GOLF

TENNIS

RUGBY LEAGUE

Honourable

way out

for Wigan

By Keith Macklin

honomrable and sensible course of postponing their champion-

Wigan have taken the

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY Bruins 5, Dundee Rockets 7; Clevelarid Bombars 3, Durham Wazs, 13; Notingham Parthers 7, Streetham Redictions 3, Frest division; Kirkracky Kestrals B. Bournemouth Stags 1; Lee Valley Lions 8, Southampton Vikings 10; Stough Jats 14, Blackpool Seegulas 3, Presalar Division (Sunday); Ayr Bruins 7, Durhams Wasps 7; Murreyfeld Placers 11, Durhole Rockess 7; Softmit Barons 2, Nottingham Parthers 8; Streetham Redictions 3, Pitch Plans 4; Whittey Warriors 12, Cheland Bombers 8, Rick Division: Nedway Bears 18, Trationd Metros 6; Southampton Vikings 8, Richmond Flyers 2; Sundariand Caleis 6, Bournemouth Stags 9. ORIENT (0) 1 BRENTFORD(1) 5
Mountford 749 Cooks 4, Geddis MOLEMOTO 749 COOKS 4, GROUS BAHRAIN: Manchester United 1, Guif Cooperation Council 0. BILL. DeLLOW CUP: First round: Postponed Waterloowile v Firstham. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First divisions: Lalcoster 1, Notingham Forest 0; Aston Villa, Coventry SSEX SENIOR CUP: Degenham 1, Witham 0. A YOUTH CUP: Postponed: Millerall v Oxford, SCHOOLS MATCHES: Inner London Palmer Cop semi-linel: Alleyn's 1, Addy and Zanhopes (). AUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First divi Stevenage Borough 1. Uxoridge 0. AC Delco Cap: Third name: Postponed: Bognor Regis Town v Dubelsh Handle

Town v Dulwich Hamite. Postporate Bogitor regis Town v Dulwich Hamite. POOTBALL COMBINATION Cueen's Park Rangers 5, Oxford United 2. HONG MONG: Beyern Munich 3, South Korean Hen Yang University 1. SKI JUMPING TABLE TENNIS

CUEEN'S CLUB: PARE C Schools Champion-shipe: Jan Deer Cup (Under 15): Second Round: M J Lowrey (Radley) bt J J Hells (Crition) 15-1. 15-0. 15 Lensen (Bound: M J Lowrey (Radley) bt J J Hells (Crition) 15-1. 15-0. 15-15 Lensen (Bound bt S C Thompson (Wellington) 6-15. 15-3. 15-7: T Bristows (Charterhouse) bt H Strewart (Helleybury) 15-1. 15-5; R Turnil (Winchester) bt W Chippend (Charterhouse) bt J J Francisin (Malborough) 16-6. 15-4; R Lawson (Charterhouse) bt R M Wagg (Blom) 17-15. 15-5; J M R Norman (Blom) bt J Hurrier (Radley) 15-12. 15-3; W Thompe (Melborough) 17-15. 15-5; J M R Norman (Blom) bt H Lowrer (Radley) 15-12. 15-3; W Thompe (Melborough) 15-4. 15-3; J F S Rowland (Tombridge) bt J Crarre (Chibon) 15-4. 16-11; M Windows (Cithon) 15-4. 15-15; T Strayer (Helleybury) bt M W Herris (Herrow) 15-9, 12-15, 15-3; M O Ward (Winchester) bt M O Pelleyter (Wellington) 15-1. 15-7; A M H Orchard (Harrow) bt K A Walker (Tombridge) 15-8, 9-15, 15-9. CREES O, BOURNEMOURT SERIES S.

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL):
Sunday: Portland Trat Blazzers 134, Delias
Matwicks 100: New York Ramgers 3, Weallegton Capitals 1; Butfalo Sabres 4, Hartford
Whalers 2; Mey Jersey Devils 4, Montreal
Canadiems 2; Blassion Bruns 6, Quebec
Nordques 2; Philadelphia Piyers 4, Winnipog
Jets 1; Vancouver Canucis; 7, Chicago
Blackhrishts 2; Edmonter Olors 4, Los
Angales Kings 2, Needley's matches: Minnesotis North Stars 4, New York Rangers 3,
MOSCOW: Izwestin Five-mation tourisment:
Sweden 2, bt Czechoslovelsis 1.

BASKETBALL PRIDENTIAL MATIONAL CUP: Flant Polycett Kingkton 95 (Devis 21, McNish 20, Doug Lloyd 14, Scott 14, Bontrager 14, Clark 10; HFS Pertsmouth 87 (Curringhem 20, Williams 18, Soald 10, Tatham 14, Moore 13, Nelson 4). NATIONAL JUNIOR CUP: Float: Sharp Man-chester United 88 (Parry 25), East London Royals 95 (Bett 21) **SQUASH RACKETS** LONDON STANDARD BRITISH CHAMPION-SHIP: Mear's Sand-Brak: M. Bodimeade (Berlis) and P. Carrer (Heris) br. J. Cardinesso (Norfolk) and L. Golpik (Bucke), 18-15, 15-13, 15-18, 15-11. Wessers: S Weight (Karry and D. Wright (Karry and D. March), 17-14, 12-15, 15-11, 15-18, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11,

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RADIO BEDFORDSHIRE CIIP: Final: Leighton Buzzard 13, Bedford Afhield 8
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MIDDLESEX CIIP: Fourth round: Grasshoppers 0, Ealing 16; Lensbury 8, 0 Kingsburlars 7; 0 Gaylonians 30, Metropolitan Police 8; Orions FP 9, Rosslyn Park 9 (Rosslyn Park win on thes rule; Faustoy 7, Ibbardge 0; Upper Cispton 8, Hertsquirs 11; Watspå 20, Sarecons 6; WLIHE 3, Richmond 24.

SUFFOLK CIIP: Third round: Cambeigh 6, Camberley 18; KCS Old Boyd 9, 0 Tiffiniums 9 (Tiffiniums win on away rule); Cambeigh 6, Camberley 18; KCS Old Boyd 9, 0 Tiffiniums 9 (Tiffiniums win on away rule); O Cambeighus 8, Cambeiro 17, 0 Rullshams 0; Cambeigh 8, Camberley 18; C Alloynians 21, John Höhr O Boyd 3, UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Sussex 22, Frangolina 10.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

A year of peace — relatively speaking

 Peace, like truth, ought to be indivisible. But Global Report 1986 (BBC2, 9.25pm) attempts to prove - and, to a high degree, succeeds in doing so - that peace can, at the very least, be split into four. And that does not even take account of the sub-divisions in the word itself, because peace has increasingly come to mean only the absence of global war. Accepting the film's mathematics, there have been 15 wars in the world thus far this year. Global Report is a human survey of conflict. It shows how war impinges on the lives of four people who are ordinary only in the sense that they are mere tools, or victims, of vast strategies conceived by others: an Innu in Labrador, where the delicate balance between man and his environment, and the survival of an ancient culture, are

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CHOICE aircraft and Nato plans to build a vast military training centre; an Irish batallion captain with the UN peace-keeping forces in south-ern Lebanon who tries to get the warring factions to stop killing each other long enough to permit some farmers to harvest their figs and olives; a Belgian fighter pilot who argues that only armed might can prevent the recourse to arms; and a Kampuchean grandmother, a refugee in Thailand, whose sonin-law soldier is brought back from across the border, minus his legs. Global Report is wise not to have attempted to draw up an end-of-1986 progress report on world peace. There is, however, no way it can avoid leaving us

in 1987 and thereafter. ● The Visit (BBC1, 9.30pm) ends its current run on a note that threatens to be as tragic as anything in Global Report. But that is reckoning without the resilience of the human spirit, and because this story of two Thalidomide victims who produce a short-living child is taken beyond short-living child is taken beyond the point at which producer Desmond Wilcox originally decided it should end, it helped to lift the gloomy cloud under which Global Report had left me an hour or so earlier. This case history of Yvonne and Jim McNally is a powerful defence of the rights of the severely disabled to make the same decisions as the rest of us.

· Best of the rest on TV tonight: Francesco Rosi's film of Bizet's Carmen (Channel 4, 9.00pm) gives even more sinew to the plot than it

already possesses. Julia Migenes-Johnson's Carmen is so fiery that I would have feared for the worst if the film stock used in the camera had been the old inflammable

● Best on radio: Searching the Ashes (Radio 4, 8.50pm) is Isabel Aitken's adaptation of John and Ruzica White's English version of the prize-winning Yugoslav radio montage about the nightmare of Auschwitz. The words used are those of the exterminators and the exterminated. Rarely have I heard murderers talk about their work with such detachment. Rarely have I heard the murdered talk about their fate with such heartaching sadness. To listen to Searching the Ashes is to know what apocalyptic writers mean by the darkness at noon

Peter Davalle.



A UN soldier in south Lebanon: Global Report, BBC2, 9.25pm

jeopardized by low-flying fighter Ceetax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins. 6.30 News headlines followed by
The Flintstones. Cartoon
series. (r) 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank
Bough, Sally Magnusson, and
Jeremy Pasman. National and
interretional news at 7.00 international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.90 and 8.30; regional news and travel information at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.40 Watchdog. 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News

and weather.

9.05 Day to Day. A topical subject discussed by Robert Kilroy-Silk, a studio audience, and 'phone-in viewers 9.45 Advice shop. Margo MacDonald investigates community support for the jobless who are trying to avoid isolation 10.00 News and weather 10.05 News and weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Phillip Schofield with hildren'a television

programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 Play School, 10.50 Willo the Wisp. 10.55 Five to Eleven. Geoffrey Wheeler with a thought for the day, 11.00 News and weather 11.05 Day Out with Angela Rippon in the south-east

Cotswolds. (r) 11.35 Open Air. Talevision programme makers meet their critics. (including news and weather at 12.00) 12.25 Domesday Detectives. The first seminal of the team quiz competition on the subjects of Britain and the British 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with
Martyn Lewis. Weather, 1.25
Neighbours. Greg Arnold
causes trouble at the bank
1.50 Little Misses.

2.00 Film; The November Plan
(1975) sterring Wanne Doctore.

Film: The November Han (1976) starting Wayne Rogers and Diane Ladd. Thriffer, set in the Thribes, about a young starlet and her actor boyfriend thingly become embroiled in a plot that

threatens the safety of the United States, Directed by Don Metford, 3,35 Misterjaw

way it can avoid leaving us profoundly pessimistic about the

prospects for peaceful coexistence

Metford. 3.35 Misterjaw
Supershark. Cartoon.
3.50 Henry's Cat. (24.10
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series about an alley cat 4.30
Hartbeat. Tony Hart's guide to
the art of making pictures.
4.55 Newsround 5.00 The Children
of Green Knowe. The fourth
and final episode of the
adventure based on the novel
by Lucy M Boston. by Lucy M Boston.

5.35 Masterteam.
6.00 Six O'Cloek News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Noel Edmonds, Paul Nicholas, Arthur Marshall and, singing A Winter Story, Aled Jones.

7.35 The Clothes Show takes to the road with fashion advice for viewers in the Ulverston, vewers in the Overston,
Cumbria, area. (r)
8.00 Daffas, It's the Offbarons' Baff
and the Daffas gentry gather
for the festivities. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View, Barry Took
dips Into the BBC's mailbag
once again.

once again.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Phillip Hayton. Regional news and weather. 9.30 The Visit. The story of Yvonne and Jim McNally, a married couple in Belfast, who are both victims of thalidomide. More than anything they wanted a child, and last Christmas Eve, a test tube baby was born to Yvonne, but, sadly the baby boy died of a heart complaint, unconnected with his parents condition, five months later. The couple are now planning another test-tube birth.

(Coefex) (see Choice)

10.20 Film; Up Pompell (1971)

starring Frankie Howard, A
bawdy spin-off of Mr Howard's
successful television comedy
series set in Pompell in AD79.
Directed by Bob Kellett.



Julia Migenes-Johnson and Placido Domingo in Francesco Rosi's film version of the opera Carmen (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

8BC 2 9.00 Ceetax.
12.30 Design and innovation. An Open University production examining rules aimed at designers and inventors.
12.55 Ceetax.

2.00 News and weather.
2.02 Sports Afternoon, Ski-ing from
Arosa; a review of 100 years of
the Wimbledon Championship; the Wimbledon Championship; and the centenary of Arsenal Footbell Club. (Includes news and weather at 3.00) 3.50 News, regional news and

weather.
Pamela Arastrong. The guests this afternoon include antiques expert Tony Curtis, and Chris Barber and his Band. 4.00 Pa News of the Second World. Peter France follows the publication of one day's edition of the Russian newspaper,

izvestia. (r)
5.00 Domesday Detectives. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.25 on BBC 1. Cover to Cover presented by Jill Neville. A review of the year's best books; and a examination of the debate about children and books should they be allowed to read whatever they like or should they be protected from what their elders deem 'unsuitable'? 6.00 Film: Return of the Gunlighte

Film: Return of the Gunfighter (1967) starring Robert Taylor. A made for television western about Ben Wyatt, an ageing gunfighter who is summond by an old friend whose land is threatened by a greedy cattle baron. When he arrives at the ranch the man and his wife are least, and their deuphter has dead, and their daughter has disappeared. Ben sets off in pursuit of the killers. Directed by James Neilson.
7.35 Land of Ice and Fire. A documentary about Yellowstona National Park, the

United States' oldest, in winter. 8.25 Christmas on Two, A preview of some of the programmes on BBC 2 this Christmas.
8.30 Out of Court.There is an

examination of the case of the woman who took a pot-shot at her from the age on nine; an investigation into bogus fund-raisers; and news of the legal dispute between a vicar and his bishop over a Henry Moore

statua.

9.00 M*A*S*H. A peasant girl produces a baby and claims that Radar is the father. (r)

9.25 Global Report 1986. The international Year of Peace as seen through the eyes of Michael Smyth, an Irish captain with the United Nations peace-keeping force in the Labanon; Sylvester Andrews who is fighting the expension of a military base in Labrador, Hans Vanmaele, a Belgian Air Force captain training for Nato; and captain training for Nato; and Chineing Yau, a 60-year-old grandmother, who tells the story of summer in a refugee camp in Thailand. (see Choice) 10.50 Newsnight. 11.35 Weather.

ITV/LONDON 5.45 News with John Suchet 6.00

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55 and 9.17; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and film reviews at 8.35. After Nine includes the winning poems of the political and social category; and health advice.

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Christinas Village. Cartoon series 9.35 Beyond 2000. The shape of technical things to come 10.20 Wild, Wild World of Animals. Chincoteague Ponies. (r)

10.45 It's No Crush I'm in Love. A young schoolgirl fails for er teacher who has the looks of her favourite televitaue European 155.

her favourite television store tooks or her favourite television store 11.30 Fabulous Furnies 11.55 Star of Bethlehem.

12.00 The Giddy Game Show. (r) 12,10 Our Backyard 12.30 Spin-Offs. Tim Brooke-Taylor synloges the Therees Valley. explores the Thames Valley, 1.80 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news 1.80

A Country Practice. Drama serial set in a small Australian outback town
2.30 On the Market Christmas Special, Susan Brookes has advice on traditional Christmas fare; Sarah Brown with alternative menus for vegetariens. 3.00 Take the

vegeramens. 3.00 Take the High Road. The final episode of the present series 3.25 Themes news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends, narrated by Ringo Starr 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 S.W.A.L.L.O.W. David Bellamy s.w.A.L.L.O.w. David Benamy finds some custom-built miniature houses, Last in the series. 4.45 Razzmatezz Christmas Special. The guests include INVS, Housemartins, and Feargal Sharkey.

Blockbusters General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. Thames news.
6.25 Helpl Vir Taylor Gee with news of a leaflet with advice on the vaccine to prevent Hepatitis B. 6.35 Crossroads. Daniel is flattered when he discovers he is under scratter.

scrutiny.
7.00 This is Your Life. Earnonn Andrews emotionally floors another unsuspecting worthy. 7.30 Coronation Street. The new Hopscotch designs are given a test run in the factory. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Michael
Barrymore presents this quiz which uses up-to-date

technology. 8.30 The Benny Hill Show. A

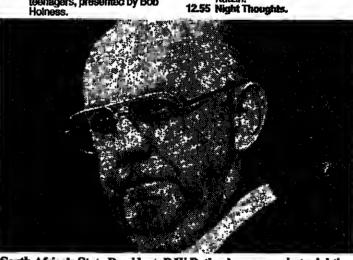
8.30 The Benny Hill Show. A compilation of sketches and songs from the comedian's earlier series' With Henry McGee, Bob Todd, Jack Wright, and Jenny Lee-Wright.

9.00 Apartheld. Part three of the four-programme documentary tracing the history of apartheid examines the gramting of 'independence' to the 'homelands' where 70 per cent 'homelands' where 70 per cent of the South African population were herded into 13 per cent of the land, thereby depriving the blacks of South African citizenship. Part four is after

the news. 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Apartheid. This fourth and final part examines the gestures made by the South African government after Prime Minister Botha stated in 1978 that the country must adapt or die and that apartheid could not be enforced as before.

11.30 Film: Savages (1974) starring Andy Griffiths, Sam Bottoms, and Noah Beery. A made-for-television drama about a hunting expedition in the desert that turns into a nightmare. Directed by Lee H



South Africa's State President, P W Botha: he appears in tonight's instalment of Apartheid (TTV, 9.00pm and 10.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.30 Film: Invasion' (1966) starring
Edward Judd and Valerie
Gearon. Science fiction thriller about two hospital doctors patients is an extra-terrestrial nurderer on the run. Directed

by Alan Bridges. Mavis on 4. In the last of her series, Predicaments, Mavis Nicholson explores the subject 4.30 Countdown. The first semifinal,

Harvey Freeman, meets Les Martin, seeded number five. Silents Please* A condensed version of The Sea Beast, the first film version of Herman Melville's Moby Dick, starring John Barrymore and Dolores

5.30 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series starring Bob Crane as the leader of a resourceful group of Allied prisoners-of-war. 6.00 The Abbott and Costello Show Lou becomes an insomniac and there is nothing anybody can do to relieve the sleeplessness. In desperation Lou is admitted to a rest home

for old actors, 6.30 in Time of War 1939-45. This final programme of the current series features two films made in 1944 - Post War Jobs and Racial Problems - and includes clips from the propaganda film, The Negro Soldier, made by the U.S. government for black

the U.S. government for black audiences. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Beatrice Hollyer.
7.50 Comment from Queenle Fetcher, mother of WPC Yvonne Fletcher. Weather.
8.00 Looking Into Paintings.
Norbert Lynton examines three different interpretations of the

different intermetations of the nterent interpretations of the Nativity in the National Gallery by Bothicelli, Piero della Francesca, and Rembrandt. (r) 8.30 The New Enlightenment. This final programme of Professor Kenneth Minoque's eries attacks the summise that the attacks the surmise that the

exploitation by the world's richer countries. 9.00 Film: Carmen (1984) starring Julia Migenes-Johnson and Placido Domingo. Bizet's celebrated opera made on location in Andalucia, with Migenes-Johnson in the title role, Domingo as Don Jose, Ruggero Raimondo as his rival, Escamillo, and Falth Esham as Micaela, Don Jose'a faithful sweetheart. A French/Italian film with English

Frency/haian rism with English subtities. Directed by Francesco Rosi 11.45 Film: The Guility Party* (1962) starring Zena Marshall and Anthony Jacobs. Edward Sinclair lives a life of luxury with his wife but he is heavily in debt. Directed by I lengt lives to the list heavily in the property of the list heavily in the list he debt. Directed by Lionel Harris.

12.20 Their Lordships' House.
Highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords. Ends at

News Midweek with Libby

Purves: Conversation with guests (s) 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from the Woodley Horticultural

Society: Story: The Legacy, by Janet Goldfinch.Read by Freds

Dowie 10.45 The Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 97

and poetry.

11.48 Enquire Within: Nell
Landor and the BBC
reference library answer
your queries.

12.00 News; You and Yours:

12.27 A Matter of Honour, by Jeffrey Archer (6 of 7)(s). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World At One: News 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shinning

VARIATIONS

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BBC2 WALES 8.30nm-8.55 Masterteam, 8.58-9.00 Into ANGLIA As London except: 9.35
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Radio 3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Concert: Barber
(Serenade for string
orchestra: Los Angeles CO,
Poulenc (Seotet for plano
and wind: Nash Ensemble).
Delius (Violin Concerto:
Jean Pougnet and RPO).
8.00 News 8.05 Concert (continued): Sibelius (Karelia overture: Gothenburg SO). Tcheikovsky (Theme and Variations, Op 18 No 6: Counting plants Mixemed

Variations, CD 18 vol.

Cavition, piano), Hummel
(Trumpet Concerto in E flat:
Mersalis and National
PO), Respight (Fountains of
Rome: Montreal SO). o on News 9.05 This Wesk's Composer: Havel. Menuet sur le nom de Haydn (Collerd, plano), Gaspard de la Nuit (Recration piece). Chart Gaspard de la Nuit (Pogoretich, piano). Chants populaires (Berganza, mezzo, and other singers, with Dalton Baldwin, piano), and other works including Vocalise etude en forme de habanera, and Tripatos, with Berganza and Jose Van Dam among the sincers) 10.00 Young Strauss: Netherlands Wind

Ensemble perform the Suite 19.25 Geoffrey Bush: BBC Singers, with John Scott (organ). Gabriel of high degree; Deystar in writer; A Nice arrangement 11.00 Scarlatti: David Roblou (harpsichord). Works include the Sonatas in F, Kk 542, and Sonata in D, Kk 458

11.30 Matinea Musicale: BBC Matines Musicale: BBC
Concert Orchestra
(under Lawrence), with tenor
Pater Hall, and John
Alley (piano). German (Nell
Gwyn overture). Sibelius
(Valse triste), Handel (Love in
her eyes sits playing, and
Love sounds the alarm),
Payne (Dance Prelude),
Tominson (Soft sithess and Tominson (Soft stillness and tha night), Britten (The plough boy, and other songs). Chabrier (Scherzo-valse, Suite

pastorale) 12.30 Transatiantic Blues; recordings made by Fats Waller during his visits to Europe in the late 1930s. 1.00 News 1.05 Concert Halt: Roth

(String Quartet in C major, Op 59 No 3) 2.00 BBC Weish SO (under Bryden Thomson). With Stephen Hough (plano). Saint-Saens (Plano). Concerto No 5), Liszt (Orpheus) Record Review: includes Robert Philip's consumers' guide to recordings of Don Giovanni, and chamber instrumental records reviewed by Richard Osborne, With Paul Vaughan (r) 4.00 Choral Evensong: from St Alban's Abbey. A live transmission. Colin Walsh is

ster of the music. 4.55 News

5.00 Mildweek Choice: Ireland
(Sextet: Melos
Ensemble). Pascha
(Christmas Mass, with
Prague Medrigel Singers),
Schubert (Sonadha in G Schubert (Sonatina in G minor, O 408: Grumiaus/Crossley), Fauré (Cantique de Jean Racine: Toulouse Capitole Orchestra), Totalkovsky (Serenade in C for string orchestra, Op 48: Berlin PO)

7.00 Debut: Anna Noakes (filute), Dina Bennett (piano). Martinu (Scherzo), John Rushby-Smith (Syzygy), Jolivet (Chant de Linos) Rozhdestvensky), with Rein Rennap (jazz piano), Paul Magi (jazz violin). Part one. Haydn (Symphony No 45). A live transmission 7.30 BBC SO (under transmission from the Royal Festival Hall in London.

Feloman (soprano),

nagazine, presented by Nigs! Andrews (r) 11.00 Manchester Chamber Music: Medic! String Quartet. Haydn (Quartet in 8 minor. Op 64 No. 2),

Rameau 10.15 New Premises: arts

Sarah Cunningham (viola da gamba), Mitzi Meyerson (harpsichord). Works by Monteclair, Marais and

Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor and guest Branda Dean, general secretary of Sogat 82.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: London Belongs to Me, by Norman Collins (4)(s)
3.47 Time for Verse; Minor Victorians with Kinosley 7.55 Stx Continents: foreign radio broadcas Victorians with Kingsley Amis (Part 4). Algemon monitored by the SBC. Presented by lan McDougall, 8.15 Concert (part two) Alfred Schnittke (Symphony No 4.00 News. 4.05 File On Four: (sques at 9.25 French Baroque: Jill

4.00 File On Foliat issues at home and abroad.

4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Sir Michael Levey, Director of the National Gallery, talks about the pictures he has chosen for the last exhibition before his retirement. 5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55

Weather. News; financial report. 6.30 Instant Sunshine —
Reasonably Together
Again: Words and music with
special quests, 'The
Cambridge Buskers (s).
7.00 News. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.



7.20 Thirty Minute Theatre: Seven Ten Sunday Morning, by Keth Wood. 7.50 How Low Can You Ger? Opera singer Robert Lloyd with a lighthean at opera in San Francisco. 8.05 The Matter of Britain. An impression of the writer T H White, by Gillian Thomas 8.50 Searching the Ashes: A version of the 1985 Italia prize-winning document by Dordie Lebovic. A montage of secret notebooks and letters, written and buried in the discovery, by prisoners in Auschwitz 9.45 Kaleidoscope.Includes comment on Searching the Ashes (on Radio 4, at 1.50 tonionit 10-15 A Book at Bedtime Christmas with the Savages, by Mary Clive (3 of 5), 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World

Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News; Weather, 12.33 (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00em Weather; Travel, 1.55-2.00pm Listening corner (s), 5.50-5.55 PM

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SPORT

Telford v Leeds moved to West Bromwich

Leeds United - and their notorious followers - will start at noon on Sunday, January 11, at the Hawthorns, West Bromwich Albion's

West Bromwhich are reluc-tant. So much so that, having initially rejected the approach, they agreed yesterday to act as hosts only because they were instructed" to do so by the FA. Their reaction is under-standable. After their second division fixture against Leeds at the Hawthorns 10 days ago,

a storage but was set on fire.

The incident has been investigated by the FA. The secretary, Ted Croker, said yesterday that there is "no evidence to prove that it was the Leeds supporters who did it, although circumstantial evidence suggests that they did. It took place in an area where

they were leaving the ground."

Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, was oot involved in the negotiations. since he is also the president of West Bromwich, "He declared an interest and therefore had to remaio neutral," Croker said, "although he was kept fully informed about the situation." So was Sid Lucas,

the West Bromwich chairman.
"We would like to have helped," he had announced earlier in the day, "but what would the public have said if our ground was torn to pieces? It is excellent for segregation and we have been talking for three or four days, but we had to say no in the interests of our supporters and the people who

Within a few hours his opinion had forcibly been lands was willing to accom-altered. "He made it very clear modate the followers of Leeds,

The Football Association admitted, "but he acknowlhas found a time, a date, and a edged that the FA has the right place suitable for the game to make the decision. With the blessing of the West Midlands that nobody, bar Telford blessing of the West Midlands United, wanted to stage. Their police, he was happy to FA Cup third round tie with comply.

Clubs cleared

Darlington and Middlesbrough have escaped punishment for the fight on the pitch between rival supporters dur-ing their third division game at Feethams on November 8. Seventy people were arrested and six taken to hospital. Neither club could be held responsible for the incident, an FA commission has decided.

"If we could have found an alternative, we would certainly have respected their wishes, which we fully understand. It was a last resort, as far as that particular vicinity was coocerned. We could have looked elsewhere, but we wanted, above all, to find a ground that was convenient

"It offers easy access because it is motorway all the sure of a big following from way from Telford to the stadium, and it is an area where there is a police force that is capable of handling big matches. We found ourselves, "We spoke to West Brom as as we do quite often these days, in a situation where we couldn't win."

Telford, the giant-killers from the GM Vauxhall Conference, were drawn as the hosts hut, after the local police had expressed fears about the safety of the public, they decided they had no choice but to concede a home advantage. The FA was asked to provide an alternative venue. It was no easy task.

No club in the West Midlands was willing to accomthat they would rather not the lepers of the modern game. have the game," Croker Even Stoke City, who have

not been the victims of the hooligans from Elland Road refused the offer. A chub spokesman confirmed that they had turned it down "after consultations with the local

So did Birmingham City, for more obvious reasons. Their officials remember all too painfully the tragic con-sequences of the appalling riots that occurred before, during, and after their game against Leeds at St Andrews last May. A youth was killed when a wall collapsed on top

Short of staging the poten-tially trooblesome game on some distant island at dawn, the FA is coovinced that it has found the best solution, even though it accepts that it is not ideal. Even Telford's officials, though justifiahly disappointed to be forced out of their own home, have gra-ciously accepted the decision.

Mike Ferriday, the sec-relary, said: "It is one of our first choices so we are quite happy to go there. As it is only our regular supporters. The neutrals in the crowd will be our neighbours, so we can

A legacy of that

vintage

coup

By a Correspondent

that cost the bookmakers thousands of pounds in a betting swindle - may finally

race again, after four years.

The grey gelding was sold for 680 guineas yesterday to Wetherby stable owner, Robin

Bustiman, acting on behalf of a client. He will be considering

racing the horse next year when he plans to re-apply to

the Jockey Club for a trainer's

His latest purchase hit the

leadlines when it was replaced

by a ringer, the year older

Good Hand, in a betting coup

Good Hand romped home

at Leicester four years ago.

rival, netting the men behind

the coup £36,000, while

Flockton Grey was in a field more than 100 miles away in

Police on Humberside later

eized both horses as evidence

in the case that was to run for

five weeks at York Crown

came straight from the horse's mouth with a picture showing the winning horse 'smiling' in the winner's enclosure.

Horse experts straight away spotted the winner of the race,

for two-year-old maidens, had

The millionaire business-

un 46-year-old Kenneth

Richardson, who arranged the

swindle from his home in Driffield, North Humberside,

was given a suspended jail sentence and left with fines

and costs totalling more than

Yesterday, Flockton Grey went unnamed in the auction at Rufforth Park near

Wetherby, histed in the cat-alogoes as just "lot 17, grey gelding". Bastiman was last night considering suggestions to re-

name the grey at his stables at

Lynton, near Wetherby. Favourite with him at the

ment is Gobbledegook.

More racing, page 34

the teeth of a three-year-old.

North Yorkshire.

Flockton Grey - the horse

soon as the draw was made, before all this started. Our 1,500 and 1,600, and in view of the interest that has been aroused, albeit for unfortunate reasons, I would imagine the crowd will be many thousands more than that.

"Although we would obviously have preferred to stay at our own Bucks Head ground, the Hawthorns is as good as home for us, and for the players, because oooe of them is local anyway. It is in the West Midlands, and, if we had to go anywhere, that is where

Scotland to play in Belgium

gium here next April, said after a meeting with the the interior ministry," De effectively ending part of the Belgian olympic committee. Croo said.

Belgian ban on British pro- "From my knowledge, the

fessional teams. The ban was issued in the wake of the riot on May 29 last year at the European Cup final between Juventus and Liverpool at the Heysel stadium, which left 39 people dead. Hooligans from the English club were widely blamed.

to be left to rest

John Deacon, the Portsmouth chairman, has confirmed that no action will be taken by the club against three players sent off in Saturday's match against Sheffield

Deacon said he was now waiting for the report from Suffolk referee Kelvin Morton before making any further comment. Deacon said: "I shall be speaking to Alan Ball, our manager, when we have seen what the referee has to say and act accordingly. Uotil

then we cannot do anything." Billy Gilbert, Mick Tait and Kevin Dillon were sent off along with United's Peter Beagrie in the first half. The th trio will miss the second division match against Shrewsbury at Fratton Park

Christmas came early for Othersimas came early for Stoke City's players yesterday when they started n four-day break. Mick Milis, the manager, has told them to finish their Christmas shopping and do any drinking and partygoing they have in mind.

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game will take place in Bel-

gium and prohably in Brussels," he said. He added it was still doubtful whether the 55.000-capacity Heysel stadium could be the site.

Since the riot the stadium has become a symbol for the outrages of hooliganism. The Ireland from its territory.

Brussels (AP) – A Belgian "I think this black page in cabinet minister said yesterday Scotland would be allowed to play an inter
"I think this black page in our sporting and social life is own hopefully and definitely since the riots. "The Heysel still has to be renovated but still has to be renovated but national match against Bel- the minister of foreign trade that belongs to the authority of

> English clubs are still banned from European competitions because of the Heysel tragedy. Apart from Scotland, the Belgian government had also banned professional teams from England, Wales and Northern

Dismissals Singleton moves on Proof that a ringer had been run in Flockton Grey's place came straight from the horse's in £35,000 deal

> ford City midfield player, was caster manager, has already yesterday transferred to West had talks with Colin Miller, Bromwich Albion for £35,000. Singleton, aged 23, who joined Bradford from Coventry City almost two years ago for £15,000, completed signing formalities at The Hawthorns after talks with Roo Saunders, the West Bromwich manager York City and Bristol City have agreed a fee of £25,000 for the transfer of Dale Banton, the York forward. Banton, who will visit Ashton Gate today for a medical and to discuss personal terms with Terry Cooper, the Bristol manager, joined York from Aldershot for a club record £50,000 in November 1984. Doncaster Rovers have agreed a fee for the Irish League's top goalscorer Tommy Gaynor, of Limerick, following the sale of Neil Woods to Glasgow Rangers. Doncaster received about £120,000 for Woods and have been given the pick of several Rangers' players, who they may also take in part exchange.

aged 22, a member of the Canadian World Cup squad in Mexico, and is hoping to sign both players in time for Sunday's home third division game against Swindon Town. • Chelsea are ready to pay £25,000 for John Coady, the Shamrock Rovers and Republie of Ireland defender. Coady, aged 26, has been negotiating a deal with the Chelsea manager John Hollins, and Ken Bates, the chairman, this week and could face Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

• Kevan Smith, Coventry

Dave Cusack, the Don-

City's £60,000 signing from Rotherham United, has been ruled out for three weeks with a cracked shinbone. He was injured playing against Aston Villa Reserves on Monday night and X-rays yesterday revealed the damage. The Coventry captain Brian Kilcline, making his comeback after a hamstring injury, also received a set-back in the same match when he strained

TENNIS

McNamara is surprise choice

Melbourne (Reuter) - Peter McNamara, aged 31, was yesterday unexpectedly chosen to play for Australia in the Davis Cup final against Sweden starting on December 26. McNamara joins Pat Cash, John Fitzgerald and Paul McNamee, taking the place of Wally Masur.

"I believe Peter can reach greater heights than anyone else," Neale Fraser, the nonplaying captain, said. Mc-Namara, a former Wimbledoo doubles champion with Mc-Namee, said: "I think I knew I had a chance. The final place was up for grabs and I took it." McNamara, who has suffered from a knee injury since 1983, played in the first round of the competition against New Zealand at the beginning of the year, winning both

Out of the running A tour of New Zealand and

Australia by an England under-23 athletics team early in the new year has been cancelled for lack of a sponsor. The trip had been planned as part of the Amateur Athletic Association's long-term preparation for the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland But Doug Goodman, chairman of the England selectors, said yesterday: "Our hosts were unable to raise the necessary sponsorship for us to undertake the trip so we have had to cancel it."

McLeod's task

Mike McLeod, the 10,000 metres silver medal winner at the Los Angeles Olympics, will be going for his thirteenth successive victory in the Saltwell road race in Newcastle, on Sunday. This time, however, he faces the challenge of Steve Cram, who beat him recently in another local race, and last weekend finished third in the north-east cross-country championships.



Murray: tough schedule

Doubling up

Yvonne Murray's appetite for competition will be further whetted by two major races before the end of the month. On Sunday the 22-year-old Musselburgh secretary leads the Scottish women's crosscountry team in the fivenations international at Cardiff, and will follow that up with an 8,000 metres road race in Zurich six days later.

was very frightened," Lamazou, aged 31, a marine artist, admitted. "So often, the down the waves, and I thought she would pitch-pole (flip endaver-end). "The water then boiled up

over the deck, obliterating all sight of the boat. But, someout again."

the second stage of the BOC single-handed round-the-

world race.
There were times when I

Lamazou did not escape totally unscathed, however. Two knock-downs left both him and his boat badly battered. "It was while the boat was being steered under autopilot that she broached badly, and the next wave just

Henley Stewards annual meet-

ing in London yesterday. It

also relieved the pressure on

With no space for further

expansion, the popularity of

the regatta has reached satura-

tion point. There is oow a limit of 5,000 members of the

Stewards Enclosure, and a waiting list of over 500.

Peter Coni, the Henley

chairman's report estimated

that 100,000 spectators used

the regatta enclosures and another 25,000 visited the

hospitality enclosures or river

The cost of the new head-

quarters, opened by The Queen last April, including the

SPORT IN BRIEF

moorings.

the racing programme.

While Fairy Footsteps fetched 720,000 guineas at the Newmarket sales, Flockton Grey made a mere 680 guineas yesterday

Frenchman's heroic record

From Barry Pickthall, Sydney

still showed on the face of As the Frenchman struggled Titouao Lamazou yesto release the sails and get the boat back up oo her feet, the terday - 72 hours after the Frenchman had clipped an genoa snagged. "I was faced astounding seven days off the record for the 6,900-mile dash with either running forward to release sail, or stay at the wheel," he communed. through the ice-strewn Roar-Either way, I was in great ing Forties from Cape Town to Sydney on the final leg of

danger because the boat had now stopped dead in the water. In rough seas like that, you must go fast to be safe. Once you are dead in the water, then you are at the mercy of the next wave. I tried to set staysail, but was too late boat seemed to rum vertically and the boat rolled right

For a minute or more, she just twitched - like a boxer, out cold - before finally the half-way stage. Jeantot is overcoming the weight of the not prepared to take all the water in her sails and stagger-Dack on her reet

Lamazou somehow held on, but he was then faced with a spaghetti of ropes strewn across the deck and two broken spianaker poles, the remains of one being washed overboard, along with two spinnakers.

Below, the scene was even

Temple Island, near the start of the course. The regatta's

offer for the island has been

accepted, subject to contract,

but the sum has not been

revealed. Mr Coni suggested

that the resultant borrowing

should be cleared by the early

1990's. The 1986 regatta produced a surplus of £294,000.

According to Mr Coni, the

regatta only faces one serious problem: noise. "Umpires had

problems with the noise from

bands on pleasure craft, pre-

venting them starting races

and spoiled the pleasure of

those watching from the

Belgrade (Reuter) - The men's World Cup giant slalom and slalom skiing races will take place in Kranjska Gora as

scheduled on Friday and Sat-

arday. Organizing committee

officials said a recent heavy

snowfall, combined with a layer of artificial snow, would

enable both races to take

On the bounce

Phil Cartwright, Rochdale Horner's £20,000 transfer-

listed winger, is returning to the second division Rugby

League club after a month's

Winning form

China won the men's and

women's singles titles yes-

terday at the second Euro-Asia

table tennis tournament in

Tokyo. Chen Longcan beat his

compatriot, Jiang Jialing, the men's world champion, 21-13,

20-22, 22-20, 21-14, while Dai

Lili also beat a team-mate, Jiao Zhimin, 21-18, 21-19, 21-

loan with Wakefield.

Races on

ROWING

Extra day sends up

profits at Henley

The extra day at the Henley land, amounted to £1,125,000

Regatta netted a profit of and the regatta faces further £40,000, it was revealed at the heavy expenditure to purchase

The strain of pushing a 60ft knocked us right over," he worse, with loose items of gear boat to the limit for 28 days said. scattered throughout the length of the boat. But that was of no immediate coosequence, and he just struggled to hoist the sail and get the boat moving again before the next wave struck.

Philippe Jeantot, winner of the first BOC race four years ago, crossed the Sydney finish line five and a half hours after Lamazou to take the overall lead in the 27.000-mile race. He was full of praise for

Lamazou, "He stole a 100-mile lead during the first stormy night at sea, and we were never able to catch him after that,"

Now, holding a three-and-a-half-day lead over Lamazou at risks. "I want to win the big continued. "If that means finishing second everywhere, that's OK - so long as I win in the end."

However, with another 14,000 miles to cover to the finish line at Newbort, Rhode Island, Jeantot knows that almost anything can happen

DIVING

England hope Ali can learn from his debut

Tony Ali, the schoolboy from London who was placed second in this year's British senior highboard championship, competes for England for the first time in the Golden Cup international tournament at Strasbourg, on January 23 to25 (Roy Moor writes).

Only his youth prevented Ali, aged 14, from being chosen for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. The selectors felt it unwise to rush him into the intense competition there, but they regard Strasbourg as an ideal

aunch-pad. The highly-rated Chinese team, whose perfectionist approach is expected to teach Ali great deal, will be at Strasbourg. They also begin a week of coaching and exhibitions around England at Hatfield on January 12, followed by visits to Barnet Copthall, Cheltenham, Plymouth and Derby. The England team for Strasbourg is completed by Jeffrey Arbour, Jason Statham, Alison Childs, Caroline Roscoe

MOTOR RACING Alliot chosen by new team

and Naomi Bishop.

Philippe Alliot, the French racing-driver, has joined the newly-created Lola LC team and will drive their Formula One car in next year's grand

The 32-year-old replaced his compatriot, Jacques Laf-fite, at Ligier last season after the latter was injured in the British Grand Prix.

The car is being designed and built by Eric Broadley and Ralph Bellamy, of Britain's unrelated Lola company. In a neriod when turbos are being phased out, it will be powered by a conventional engine, the new British 3.5-litre Cosworth DFZ, and will probably make its debut at the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola on May 3; 1987. The team hope to 16 to take the women's title. | engage another driver

Shame of the game in India

By John Goodbody

Bobby Robsoo and Mike Gatting had better beware if Mrs Margaret Thatcher copies the policy of the Prime Minister of India. Rajiv Gandhi yesterday

sanned Indian athletes from participating in all international games, except cricket, in which India hold the World Cup (and which they happen to be staging, with Pakistan, next year), because of the country's poor performances in September's Asian Games

He immediately ordered a review of all India's sporting performances in Seoul where the 400-member contingent won only three gold medals, one in weightlifting and the Pilnvnllakandi

Thekeparampil Usha, the country's most celebrated athlete, in the women's 100 metres and 400 metres

India, with a distinguished sporting pedigree, ranked only fifth in the medal table which was led by China with 80 gold

The biggest disasters occ-ured in badminton, wrestling and bockey, all sports at which hockey, where the country was once supreme, India won only the bronze medal. They then finished 12th and last in the World Cup in London in

October. The Indian Prime Minister knows about sporting excellence. He went to Trinity College, Cambridge, whose celebrated Great Court Run inspired Harold Abrahams and Lord Burghley, both Olympic champions, during their undergraduate days and was adapted for the film Chariots of Fire.

Given that background, it is little wonder that he has acted as he has done. Confirming the news, Vidya Shukla, the president of the Indian Olympic Association, said Gandhi's order had been sent to the



Gandhi: shocked by Seoul Ministry of Sports. "The Ministry is reviewing the entire policy of sending teams abroad and for the time being no team is going out," he said. Shukla said the order might

be the reason why Delhi recently refused to let the wrestling team visit India's great rivals, Pakistan, and also banned a table tennis team from participating in an international tournament. The government's clearance is necessary to get a foreign cur-rency permit. India is host to the world table tennis championships in Delhi in February.
This is not the first time that

the Prime Minister has acted in international sport. In July, India was one of the first nations to join the boycott of the Commonwealth Games. His new decision must put particular pressure on the Indian cricket team which today begins a three-Test se-ries against Sri Lanka. The grassy pitch at Kampur raises the prospect of an exciting

match, according to local Kapil Dev, captain of India and one of the few sporting heroes to have survived the Prime Minister's criticism, is hopeful of victory to follow the drawn series against Australia two months ago. "We have n good, sporting wicket after a long time," be said. Let us hope the Prime Minister will be just as sport-ing in the bornly manufacture.

ing in the barely mentional event of a defeat for India.

BADMINTON

Elliott secures fine victory

Fiona Elliott pulled off a fine win on the opening day of the Mariboro World Grand Prix finals in Knala Lumpur yesterday when she demol-ished the Swedish No 1, Christine Magnesson, 11-1, 11-2 (Richard Eaton writes).

The England No 2, who was in top form while retaining her Welsh Open title in Cardiff nine days ago, was again in ruthless mood in disposing of her Ugandan-born opponent who reached the world pionship quarter-finals ast year.

There was another encouraging English triumph when Nigel Tier, not long recovered from a back injury. and Gillian Gowers won 15-

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